

# MERRYVILLE NEWS



## Newsletter of Merryville Merino Stud, Boorowa

Spring 2020

Volume 28

### Wal's Message

When I wrote last year the market was 1723c for an average of 1932c per kilogram. We now have an EMI of 1000c per kg. Why didn't I lock in! It is something for us all to ponder as we now struggle with drought expenses and a Covid-19 market. The nearest scenario I can find for us to study is the Global Financial Crisis of 2007 to 2009 and it was all doom and gloom. In March 2009, the EMI was 711c/kg, in March 2010 it was 896c/kg and in March 2011 it was 1207c/kg showing that wool rebounds quickly and then went on to some 2,000c/kg.

The reasons for wool's increase (sustainable, natural, bio-degradable, wash and wear etc) are still there and the market will pick up once some confidence returns to retail. My only worry is that it will get too high again causing us to lose customers.

I have asked my old mate Jimmy Jackson for his thoughts and his article is included later on in this newsletter.

Jim now works for some of the best mills in China and I thank him for his contribution.



MERRYVILLE SILKY SNOWY

Because there have been no Sydney Royal or Bendigo Shows it is difficult to find material to fill our newsletter. I thought it might be interesting to trace some of the families at Merryville. The ram above is Silky Snowy. He was pure Saxon blood being by Merryville Ace by Glasslough Super by Glasslough A by Glasslough by Number 9 by Radiant by Bright Wool by The Joker by Son of President by President by Golden Horn 2nd by Treasurer by Golden Horn by Thomas the 2nd by Sir Thomas from Bellevue Tasmania.

Silky Snowy was the foundation Sire of the Ringmaster family and all Ringmasters go back to him and are all Saxon blood.

The scientific breeders say that we have no pedigrees but this is absolute rot. The Glasslough flock, where The Joker was bought in 1903, can be traced back to Christian Steiger's flock in Saxony in 1871. He also goes back to the Royal Flock of Hampton Court and to the Elector of Saxony Royal flocks. So, the Ringmasters have a sire line pedigree tracing back some 150 years.

## Merryville On-Property Unhoused Ram Sale

Friday 11th September 2020 - 1pm at "Beverley", Boorowa

### ENQUIRIES

Wally Merriman Ph 02 6385 3333  
Landmark, Boorowa Ph 02 6385 3666

George Merriman Ph 02 6385 3282  
Elders, Boorowa Ph 02 6385 3107

# Great Southern Supreme Merino Show 2020



▲  
*Grand Champion Ewe  
and Supreme Exhibit  
by Uniform 44th  
19.6 micron, cut 15kg*



◀  
*Winners of the Roger  
Birtles Memorial  
March-shorn Group*

## Results:

### Supreme Exhibit

- The Kevin Coves Memorial

Grand Champion Ewe

Champion Fine wool Ewe

Champion March-shorn Ewe

Champion March-shorn Fine wool Ewe

### Reserve Grand Champion Ewe

Champion Fine/Medium wool Ewe

Champion March-Shorn Fine/Medium wool Ewe

### Champion Superfine wool Ram

Champion March-shorn Superfine wool Ram

### Champion Fine/Medium wool Poll Ram

Champion March-shorn Fine/Medium wool Poll Ram

### Champion Fine/Medium wool Poll Ewe

Champion March-shorn Fine/Medium wool Poll Ewe

### Reserve Champion Fine wool Ram

Champion March-shorn Fine wool Ram

Champion August-shorn Fine wool Ewe

Champion August-shorn Fine/Medium wool Poll Ewe

Reserve Champion August-shorn Fine wool Ewe

Reserve Champion August-shorn Fine wool Poll Ram

Reserve Champion August-shorn Fine wool Poll Ewe

Junior Champion March-shorn Poll Ram

Reserve Champion Sale Ram

Roger Birtles Memorial March-shorn Group of 5

August-shorn Group of 5

Most Successful Exhibitor

**Congratulations to the  
Demondrille Stud  
on their Grand Champion  
Fine/Medium Wool Ram  
Sired by a Merryville Sire.**

# Blast from the Past

by Stephen Burns

During the 1989 Melbourne Sheep Show and Sale, a young ram bred by the late Bruce Merriman, Merryville, Yass, caught sheep classer John Williams' attention and he quickly organised a syndicate to make a bid on the two-tooth ram.

Based in Cooma, Mr Williams classed the Roseville Park stud flock at Dubbo for Graham Coddington and Tara Park stud at Boorowa for Rod Evans.

He also classed the New Zealand stud flocks of Robert Jopp, P Innes and J Scurr.

The ram was bred in the Merryville Monarch family, a genetic line which extends unbroken to the great sire Sir Francis purchased by Sir Walter Merriman in 1910 from the Wanganella Estate bred by F.S Falkiner and Sons for 1000 guineas.

The Australian and New Zealand syndicate had the winning bid of \$68,000 which was the highest price paid for a two-tooth ram at Melbourne.

It was Rod Evans who suggested the name 'Anzac 43'. He bought a semen share and recalls when driving back to Dubbo from Melbourne he thought the name would acknowledge the Australian and New Zealand members of the syndicate.

"It was a big price for a two-tooth at the time," Mr Evans said. "But he was a most attractive ram ... with very good balance, good conformation and correct structure. A great head and very good bone."

He bred very well at Tara Park when joined to ewes bred from the Manderley Purple family and Mr Evans recalls the first drop of lambs were very impressive.



▲  
*Merryville Melbourne Monarch 'Anzac' 43 was purchased for \$68,000 during the 1989 Melbourne Sheep Show and Sale. Photo: Graham Coddington*

Anzac 43 established a great genetic line at Tara Park as his progeny continued to breed on with descendants prominent in the stud today.

Show success at Sydney Royal for Mr Evans from Anzac 43 included supreme exhibits and the 1992 Stonehaven Cup.

"It was my first cup win and four of the five sheep were sired by Anzac 43," he said.

Graham Coddington had possession of the ram and he also had tremendous success crossing Anzac 43 with ewes bred in the Manderley Purple family.

"Anzac 43 had a very supple skin and he had an open face," he recalled. "A great conformation, square across his back and hips with lovely wool."

Mr Coddington said Anzac 43 sired a lot of outstanding

daughters at Roseville Park and his influence continues through the stud.

He sired RP44, member of 1994 Stonehaven Cup winning team in Sydney and who sired RP38 champion August-shorn in Sydney 1998 and Australian Supreme Merino ram at Dubbo in 1998 and ranked number one in sire evaluation medium central test.

# Merryville Annual Highlights

## 2019 On-Property Ram Sale

Merryville Stud's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual On-Property Ram Sale was held in September 2019 when 119 rams were sold to reach a top price of \$5,000 three times and averaged of \$2,127.

The Davis family of the Demondrille Stud, Harden, purchased the first of the top priced rams for \$5,000. The 24-month-old, Superfine wool, August shorn ram was sired by a Brilliant Super Syndicate. The Brilliant Super's are an old Merryville family bred for superfine production for the Italian processing market. The ram had a GFW of 3.4kg, 18.0 microns, SD of 2.7, CV of 15.0 and CF of 99.6 per cent. The Davis family are repeat top-buyers from Merryville's 2018 sale.

The second top-priced ram of the day was a poll sold to the Dew family of 'Avalon', Mangoplah. This 24-month-old ram had a GFW of 6.5kg, 18.3 microns, SD of 3.4, CV of 18.4 and CF of 99.1 per cent.

Long-time client Frederic Mathieu of Checkers Pastoral Company, Cargo, purchased the final \$5,000 ram. The Fine/Medium wool, 12-month-old ram was sired by Magnussen Syndicate and had a GFW of 4.5kg, 19.6 microns, SD of 2.6, CV of 13.1 and CF of 99.5 per cent. Mr Mathieu purchased another 11 rams during the sale for an average of \$2,979.

The Morse family of Spire View, Coonabarabran, purchased 13 rams from the Superfine and Fine families while Girvan Lea Pty Ltd of

Horsham, Victoria, secured 10 rams for an average of \$3,140.

In 2020 Merryville Stud sold a Merino Ram to the Stonehenge Merino Stud in Ranfurly, New Zealand for AU\$15,000.

## 2020 On-Property Ewe Sale

Merryville Stud's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual On-Property Ewe Sale was held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 with a total of 1,012 stud and flock ewes sold.

First-time buyers, Alex and Steph Wilson, of the Kalaree Merino Stud, Bigga, paid the top-price of \$265 per head for a pen of 1.5yo Poll Merino Stud Ewes. They then added another 7 pens of CFA and 1.5yo Superfine and Fine Wool stud ewes for an average of \$220 per head. The largest pen of the day was 260 CFA flock ewes which also sold to the Wilsons

for \$152.50 per head.

Other new buyers at the sale included Phil & Kim Hartwich of the Mt Challicum Merino Stud, Ballyrogan, Vic. The Hartwicks first purchased 2 pens of CFA Fine Wool Stud Ewes and then another pen of 195 CFA flock ewes for \$210 per head.

Gavin and Melanie Thorpe, Delungra, NSW were also first-time buyers who sought Medium Wool Stud Ewes and purchased a pen of CFA and 1.5yo ewes both @ \$230 per head.

The Judge family of Newbridge, NSW, returned to secure 4 pens of 1.5yo Superfine Wool Stud Ewes for an average of \$218 per head.

The top-priced pen of 122 x 1.5yo flock ewes sold for \$240 per head to repeat client BJ Chivers of Wangaratta, Vic.

## COVID Boosts Knitwear Sales

2020 has been a great year for knitwear sales, according to Penny whose label, Lady Kate has had its best year yet.

"I think customers are spending more on knitwear because it's comfortable when working from home but stylish enough for Zoom meetings," Penny said.

"Magazines are also interested in featuring more knitwear this year, particularly Australian businesses." This winter alone, Lady Kate has been featured in Country Style, InStyle, The Daily Telegraph, The Weekend Australian, The Age, Grazier magazine and Landline.

Lady Kate is available at [www.ladykate.com.au](http://www.ladykate.com.au)

# SALE CATALOGUE MERRYVILLE ANNUAL SALE

**ON-PROPERTY UNHOUSED  
RAM SALE**  
▶ **139 SALE RAMS** ◀

**FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Inspections from 10am — Sale commences 1pm**

FP, MP & DP indexes available on all rams.

For enquiries contact:

George Merriman

Ph: 02 6385 3282

Mob: 0428 853 282

Email: [geegullalong1@bigpond.com](mailto:geegullalong1@bigpond.com)

Wally Merriman

Ph: 02 6385 3333

Mob: 0427 008 843

Email: [wally.merriman@bigpond.com](mailto:wally.merriman@bigpond.com)

**Merryville Merino Stud**

PO Box 103, "Beverley", Boorowa NSW 2586

Phone: 02 6385 3333 • Fax: 02 6385 3671

Email: [info@merryvillestud.com.au](mailto:info@merryvillestud.com.au) • Web: [www.merryvillestud.com](http://www.merryvillestud.com).



LOT	TAG NO.	DOB	GFW	WEANER MICRON	SIRE	CURRENT MICRON	SD	CV	CF	SPIN
-----	---------	-----	-----	---------------	------	----------------	----	----	----	------

### MARCH SHORN

1	5802	Aug/Sept 2018	2.4	15.3	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	16.9	2.5	14.9	99.6	15.7
2	5755	Aug/Sept 2018	2.5	16.7	Ringmaster Centenary	16.3	2.8	17.2	99.7	15.4
3	6693	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	15.6	Ringmaster Centenary	17.1	2.3	13.4	99.9	15.7
4	5718	Aug/Sept 2018	2.9	16.4	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	19.1	2.8	14.7	99.4	17.7
5	6131	Aug/Sept 2018	2.9	15.5	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	17.1	2.7	15.6	99.6	16.0
6	294	Aug/Sept 2018	3.6	18.6	Giant Test	18.7	3.4	18.3	99.2	17.8
7	6228	Aug/Sept 2018	3.5	17.6	Hamilton Giant Syndicate	18.2	3.5	19.0	99.5	17.4
8	5721	Aug/Sept 2018	3.6	17.7	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	19.6	2.8	14.5	99.6	18.1
9	02	Aug/Sept 2018	4.2	16.7	Castellon HE	17.8	2.6	14.6	99.5	16.5
10	6180	Aug/Sept 2018	4.4	16.9	Supreme 14	18.7	3.2	17.1	99.6	17.7
11	6007	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	15.7	Merryville ES	18.9	2.9	15.3	99.5	17.6
12	5888	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	17.0	Brilliant Super Syndicate	17.3	2.9	16.6	99.5	16.2
13	5514	Aug/Sept 2018	3.3	17.9	Supreme 14	19.5	2.8	14.0	99.4	18.6
14	6186	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	16.1	Pemcaw Poll	16.4	3.4	20.9	99.8	15.9
15	235	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	16.6	Giant Test	16.9	2.8	16.5	99.6	15.9
16	772	Aug/Sept 2018	4.1	17.1	Uniform 42nd	17.8	2.8	15.7	99.6	16.7
17	201	Aug/Sept 2018	5.8	19.2	Giant Test	18.3	3.1	16.9	99.4	17.3
18	1218	Aug/Sept 2019			Francesco Ultra Syndicate	16.1	3.1	19.1	99.5	15.4
19	1245	Aug/Sept 2019			Ringmaster Syndicate	16.7	2.5	15.0	99.8	15.5
20	1209	Aug/Sept 2019			Pemcaw Poll	18.3	2.8	15.4	99.6	17.1

### MAY SHORN ULTRAFINE WOOL

21	717	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	15.1	Brilliant Example Syndicate	15.1	3.1	20.7	99.9	14.6
22	1974	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	14.8	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	17.1	3.2	18.6	99.8	16.3
23	2314	Aug/Sept 2019	2.0	15.1	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	17.7	2.8	15.9	99.4	16.6
24	2031	Aug/Sept 2019	5.0	15.5	Supreme 14	16.9	3.5	20.5	99.5	16.4
25	2229	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	16.2	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	18.4	3.2	17.4	99.5	17.4
26	1835	Aug/Sept 2019	2.8	15.7	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	16.3	2.6	16.2	99.8	15.3
27	1894	Aug/Sept 2019	2.3	17.9	Ringmaster Syndicate	17.7	2.8	16.0	99.6	16.5
28	1834	Aug/Sept 2019	2.5	15.9	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	17.3	2.7	15.7	99.5	16.2
29	1937	Aug/Sept 2019	2.0	15.6	Brilliant Example 17th	17.6	2.5	14.2	99.9	16.3
30	1931	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	16.3	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	17.6	2.8	15.8	99.7	16.5
31	2366	Aug/Sept 2019	2.3	17.8	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	18.6	2.8	15.1	99.7	17.3
32	320	Aug/Sept 2019	1.5	15.3	Ringmaster Syndicate	17.3	3.5	19.9	99.6	16.7
33	900	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	16.7	Big Brilliant Syndicate	18.1	3.0	16.6	99.2	17.0
34	1997	Aug/Sept 2019	3.3	17.2	Ringmaster Syndicate	18.0	2.4	13.4	99.8	16.5
35	2351	Aug/Sept 2019	3.8	16.8	Ringmaster Syndicate	17.8	3.2	18.1	99.6	16.9
36	2123	Aug/Sept 2019	3.3	16.9	Ringmaster Syndicate	18.3	2.8	15.6	99.6	17.1
37	924	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	15.5	Big Brilliant Syndicate	19.0	3.0	15.8	99.0	17.7
38	2045	Aug/Sept 2019	3.8	18.5	Big Brilliant Syndicate	19.1	3.2	16.7	99.7	17.9
39	287	Aug/Sept 2019	2.0	15.6	Ringmaster Superior 14th	18.1	2.3	12.8	100.0	16.6

### MAY SHORN SUPERFINE WOOL

40	56	Aug/Sept 2019	5.0	17.9	Giant Test	18.5	3.4	18.4	99.5	17.6
41	2395	Aug/Sept 2019	3.8	18.2	Brilliant Example 17th	18.7	3.1	16.6	99.6	17.5
42	150	Aug/Sept 2019	4.5	15.6	Casper	17.6	3.7	20.7	99.1	17.1
43	1916	Aug/Sept 2019	4.0	16.4	Ringmaster Syndicate	18.3	3.0	16.2	99.6	17.1
44	1965	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	17.4	Brilliant Example 17th	19.2	3.4	17.5	99.6	18.2

LOT	TAG NO.	DOB	GFW	WEANER MICRON	SIRE	CURRENT MICRON	SD	CV	CF	SPIN
45	826	Aug/Sept 2019	4.0	15.8	Magnussen Syndicate	17.7	2.9	16.2	99.6	16.6
46	2424	Aug/Sept 2019	6.3	16.8	Supreme 14	16.4	3.0	18.1	99.8	15.6
47	376	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	14.8	Ringmaster Superior 14th	18.5	2.7	14.8	99.7	17.2
48	2051	Aug/Sept 2019	2.5	17.1	Ringmaster Syndicate	18.3	2.5	13.8	99.7	16.9
49	2117	Aug/Sept 2019	4.0	17.2	Ringmaster Syndicate	19.1	3.0	15.6	99.7	17.8
50	2145	Aug/Sept 2019	3.3	15.8	Big Brilliant Syndicate	18.1	2.6	14.1	99.5	16.8
51	1991	Aug/Sept 2019	2.5	14.8	Ringmaster Syndicate	17.5	2.7	15.5	99.7	16.3
52	71	Aug/Sept 2019	4.0	18.9	Ringmaster Superior 14th	19.7	3.2	16.3	99.9	18.5
53	2402	Aug/Sept 2019	3.8	18.1	Big Brilliant Syndicate	17.7	2.5	14.3	99.7	16.4
54	2231	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	16.5	Pemcaw Poll	17.4	3.0	17.0	99.6	16.4
55	925	Aug/Sept 2019	2.5	16.7	Big Brilliant Syndicate	16.6	3.0	18.0	99.8	15.7
56	737	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	17.8	Magnussen	18.9	3.4	17.8	99.2	18.0
57	1972	Aug/Sept 2019	5.0	18.8	Brilliant Example 17th	18.7	3.2	17.1	99.7	17.6
58	24	Aug/Sept 2019	2.5	15.1	Ringmaster Superior 14th	17.5	2.7	15.5	99.6	16.3
59	2267	Aug/Sept 2019	4.5	18.9	Melbourne Monarch Poll	19.4	3.4	17.7	99.5	18.4

### MAY SHORN FINE WOOL

60	2134	Aug/Sept 2019	5.8	17.8	Supreme 14	18.6	3.2	17.1	99.6	17.6
61	2320	Aug/Sept 2019	5.5	17.6	Pemcaw Poll	18.6	2.5	13.7	99.9	17.1
62	1241	Aug/Sept 2019	4.5	15.5	Supreme 14	17.6	3.0	17.3	99.5	16.6
63	2167	Aug/Sept 2019	4.0	16.0	Pemcaw Poll	17.2	3.1	18.4	99.5	16.3
64	2293	Aug/Sept 2019	5.5	17.5	Supreme 14	19.0	3.4	17.7	99.5	18.0
65	1201	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	15.4	Uniform Poll 17th	17.7	3.0	17.0	99.5	16.6
66	784	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	16.1	Magnussen Syndicate	18.8	3.3	17.4	99.4	17.8
67	763	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	16.5	Magnussen Syndicate	18.7	3.0	15.9	99.7	17.5
68	2393	Aug/Sept 2019	5.0	15.9	TW7.63	17.4	2.6	14.7	99.8	16.1
69	668	Aug/Sept 2019	4.0	16.6	Magnussen	18.2	3.1	17.0	99.6	17.1
70	1910	Aug/Sept 2019	4.0	17.5	Pemcaw Poll	18.9	3.0	15.8	99.5	17.7
71	162	Aug/Sept 2019	4.5	16.8	TW7.63	20.0	2.8	13.9	99.5	18.4
72	2219	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	16.2	Uniform Poll 17th	19.0	2.4	12.7	100.0	17.4
73	2094	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	15.4	Pemcaw Poll	18.0	3.2	17.8	99.4	17.0
74	343	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	16.9	Ringmaster Syndicate	17.3	2.9	16.8	99.9	16.3
75	2054	Aug/Sept 2019	4.3	18.7	TW7.63	19.1	3.9	20.3	99.1	18.5
76	1856	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	15.8	TW7.63	18.5	3.3	17.6	99.5	17.5
77	2034	Aug/Sept 2019	4.0	16.0	Brilliant Example 17th	18.6	2.8	15.2	99.9	17.3
78	2201	Aug/Sept 2019	6.0	16.6	TW7.63	17.6	3.5	19.7	99.5	16.9
79	212	Aug/Sept 2019	5.8	17.3	TW7.63	17.6	3.1	17.9	99.6	16.7
80	19?	Aug/Sept 2019	4.0	17.6	Giant Test	19.0	3.4	18.1	99.3	18.1
81	1001	Aug/Sept 2019	2.8	16.3	Big Brilliant Syndicate	18.8	3.2	17.0	99.6	17.7
82										
83	110	Aug/Sept 2019	4.5	16.3	TW7.63	17.0	3.2	18.7	99.7	16.3
84	1959	Aug/Sept 2019	5.5	16.9	TW7.63	18.5	3.0	16.1	99.6	17.3
85	806	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	17.1	Magnussen Syndicate	19.4	2.8	14.4	99.8	17.9
86	2071	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	17.5	Melbourne Monarch Poll	18.4	3.0	16.1	99.8	17.2
87	2026	Aug/Sept 2019	5.0	17.0	Supreme 14	18.2	2.9	15.7	99.6	17.0
88	2208	Aug/Sept 2019	4.5	17.8	Brilliant Example 17th	19.1	2.5	13.0	99.8	17.5
89	1998	Aug/Sept 2019	5.0	16.6	Pemcaw Poll	17.6	3.2	18.0	99.7	16.7
90	861	Aug/Sept 2019	2.8	17.0	Big Brilliant Syndicate	18.6	2.9	15.7	99.5	17.4
91	2421	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	17.9	Melbourne Monarch Poll	18.9	3.0	16.1	99.3	17.7
92	1895	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	15.5	Big Brilliant Syndicate	17.9	2.6	14.6	99.6	16.6

LOT	TAG NO.	DOB	GFW	WEANER MICRON	SIRE	CURRENT MICRON	SD	CV	CF	SPIN
93	962	Aug/Sept 2019	2.5	17.2	Big Brilliant Syndicate	18.4	2.9	15.6	99.8	17.1
94	1992	Aug/Sept 2019	3.3	16.5	Brilliant Example 17th	18.7	2.9	15.6	99.7	17.4
95	1823	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	18.3	Brilliant Example 17th	19.4	3.4	17.4	99.7	18.4
96	1808	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	18.6	Melbourne Monarch Poll	19.6	3.2	16.6	99.8	18.4
97	1950	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	18.5		19.6	3.6	18.4	98.8	18.6
98	2153	Aug/Sept 2019	4.0	17.4	Melbourne Monarch Poll	18.5	3.7	20.3	98.9	17.9
99	2078	Aug/Sept 2019	2.0	18.0	Big Brilliant Syndicate	19.6	3.2	16.3	99.4	18.4
100	2155	Aug/Sept 2019	4.5	16.5	Pemcaw Poll	17.8	2.9	16.4	99.7	16.7
101	1253	Aug/Sept 2019	4.5	17.0	TW7.63	18.9	3.0	16.0	99.0	17.6
102	2217	Aug/Sept 2019	5.5	17.3	TW7.63	18.8	3.1	16.6	99.4	17.7
103	2233	Aug/Sept 2019	4.8	17.7	Supreme 14	18.1	3.3	18.1	99.6	17.2

### MAY SHORN FINE/MEDIUM WOOL

104	2016	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	17.0	Ringmaster Syndicate	18.9	2.9	15.4	99.5	17.6
105	88	Aug/Sept 2019	5.4	18.3	Giant Test	20.0	3.4	16.7	99.0	19.2
106	1907	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	18.9	Big Brilliant Syndicate	18.4	3.0	16.8	99.5	17.2
107	1921	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	16.1	Pemcaw Poll	17.5	2.8	16.0	99.6	16.4
108	2413	Aug/Sept 2019	4.0	18.7	Melbourne Monarch Poll	18.8	2.7	14.3	99.4	17.4
109	152	Aug/Sept 2019	5.0	17.6	TW7.63	20.3	3.0	14.7	99.5	18.8
110	2259	Aug/Sept 2019	5.3	17.1	TW7.63	18.6	2.9	15.4	99.5	17.3
111	1829	Aug/Sept 2019	5.8	14.8	Pemcaw Poll	18.0	3.1	17.1	99.5	17.0
112	57	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	16.6	Giant Test	19.0	2.8	15.0	99.7	17.6
113	83	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	18.6	Giant Test	19.7	3.5	17.5	99.2	18.7
114	2047	Aug/Sept 2019	5.0	16.7	TW7.63	18.4	2.7	14.6	99.7	17.1
115	2085	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	17.6	Melbourne Monarch Poll	19.0	3.1	16.2	99.5	17.8
116	1919	Aug/Sept 2019	4.3	18.0	Melbourne Monarch Poll	19.5	3.1	16.1	99.1	18.3
117	1814	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	14.7	Big Brilliant Syndicate	18.2	3.1	17.0	99.5	17.2
118	2075	Aug/Sept 2019	4.5	18.8	Brilliant Example 17th	19.8	3.1	15.6	99.4	18.8
119	2041	Aug/Sept 2019	4.3	16.7	TW7.63	18.4	2.8	15.2	99.7	17.1
120	171	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	15.7	TW7.63	17.3	3.6	20.8	99.7	16.8
121	2273	Aug/Sept 2019	4.0	17.0	Big Brilliant Syndicate	18.3	2.7	14.7	99.8	16.9
122	132	Aug/Sept 2019	4.5	17.6	TW7.63	19.1	3.1	16.1	99.6	17.9
123	1879	Aug/Sept 2019	3.8	17.4	Supreme 14	19.7	2.9	14.6	99.4	18.3
124	2151	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	15.8	Big Brilliant Syndicate	18.4	2.9	15.6	99.7	17.2
125	223	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	16.5	Casper	17.9	3.3	18.5	99.6	17.1
126	1217	Aug/Sept 2019	4.2	16.4	TW7.63	17.5	2.6	15.0	99.8	16.2
127	1843	Aug/Sept 2019	2.3	18.1	TW7.63	18.7	3.2	17.1	99.6	17.7
128	1926	Aug/Sept 2019	5.0	15.7	Melbourne Monarch Poll	16.3	2.6	15.8	99.8	15.3
129	395	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	17.6	Magnussen Syndicate	19.0	3.0	15.6	99.8	17.7
130	2177	Aug/Sept 2019	4.3	18.2	Brilliant Example 17th	19.3	3.7	19.3	99.1	18.5
131	2236	Aug/Sept 2019	5.5	18.6	Melbourne Monarch Poll	19.6	3.1	15.8	99.4	18.3
132	F	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	16.4	Big Brilliant Syndicate	18.0	3.2	17.8	99.5	17.1
133	366	Aug/Sept 2019	3.0	16.9	Ringmaster Syndicate	17.7	3.1	17.3	99.9	16.7
134	774	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	16.5	Magnussen Syndicate	18.2	3.2	17.7	99.8	17.2
135	1872	Aug/Sept 2019	4.0	17.7	Melbourne Monarch Poll	18.7	2.8	15.0	99.8	17.4
136	2243	Aug/Sept 2019	4.0	16.3	Melbourne Monarch Poll	19.0	3.1	16.2	99.2	17.8
137	451	Aug/Sept 2019	3.1	17.5	Magnussen Syndicate	19.2	3.0	15.7	99.7	17.9
138	2022	Aug/Sept 2019	2.5	16.5	Ringmaster Syndicate	17.9	2.6	14.4	99.6	16.6
139	2339	Aug/Sept 2019	3.5	16.5	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	16.5	2.1	12.9	99.9	15.1



# Merryville Stud Structure

## The Current Breeding Families

### STYLE:

*All micron tests shown are on full feed.*

#### ULTRA FINE

This type traces back to the original Ravensworth sheep and is about 80 years old. The sheep range from ultrafine (it is not uncommon for some to be tested to 14.0 micron) to 16.5 micron. Pure Saxon wool with style and high spinnability.

**Average of Adult Ewes**                      **16.5 mic**      **4.5 kg cut/hd**

**Sires Used:**

Ringmaster Ultra 2nd	15.6 mic
Ringmaster Ultra 3rd	15.2 mic

#### SUPER FINE

This type traces back to the original Ravensworth sheep and is about 80 years old. The sheep range from ultrafine (it is not uncommon for some to be tested to 14.0 micron) to 18.5 micron. Pure Saxon wool with style and high spinability

**Average of Adult Ewes**                      **17.5 mic**      **5.5 kg cut/hd**

**Sires Used**

Ringmaster Superior 14th	18.4 mic	Grand Champion Superfine Wool Ram Sydney 2017, cut 12.9kg
Merryville Giant Test	17.4 mic	Grand Champion Fine Wool Ram Sydney Royal 2015, cut 16kg wool

#### FINE

Larger framed, heavier cutting, 66s 70s type, staple length 90mm, white - highly crimped wool, genetic source of the Merryville Commercial Flock and represent about 40% of stud numbers

**Average of Adult Ewes**                      **18.5 to 19.0 mic**      **6.4 to 7.3 kg cut/hd**

**Sires Used**

Giant Test	17.4 mic	
EM Supreme Syndicate	18.4 mic	Supreme Exhibit Sydney Royal 2010. Cut 15.6kg, weight 128kg
Big Brilliant Syndicate	18.6 mic	Supreme Fine Wool Ram at Campbell Town Show in 2009, sire of the second top (\$20,000) and third top (\$16,000) price rams at Bendigo 2013
Supreme 14	18.6 mic	Grand Champion Fine/Medium wool ram Sydney 2016. Cut 15.5kg.
Supreme 14 2nd	17.6 mic	Grand Champion Fine wool ram Sydney 2019. Cut 15.5kg.

Brilliant Example Syndicates and fine-testing Uniform Syndicates of young rams for progeny testing

#### MEDIUM

Large framed ewes with 64s type wool. Main families are Uniform and Grand Monarch which trace back to Wanganella ram 'Sire Francis' 1929.

**Average of Adult Ewes**                      **19.0 mic**      **7.4 kg cut/hd**

**Sires Used**

Grand Monarch 42nd by Grand Monarch 37th	18.9 mic	Not shown, reserved as a 2 tooth. 3rd season.
Uniform 41st	19.4 mic	Reserve Champion Sydney Medium Wool ram 2006
Magnussen Syndicate	18.5 mic	
EM Cas	18.8 mic	Medium Wool Ram Sydney 2013. Heaviest cutter in the Trangie Sire Evaluation Trial. Grand Champion Fine/Medium Wool Ram Sydney 2015, cut 16.2kg

#### MURGHA

The Murgha stud was established with ewes bought from the Murgha dispersal sale pure Wanganella blood. Highly regarded at the time, esteemed studs such as Uardry, Koonawarra and Pemcaw can trace their origins back to the Murgha dispersal sale. The sheep have been joined to Merryville medium types and are like a separate family in the Merryville medium type.

**Average of Adult Ewes**                      **19.0 mic**      **7.1 kg cut/hd**

**Sires Used**

Sons of East Mundulla	19.4 mic	East Mundulla by WA Purple (contains Merryville blood) out of a Collinsville Olympic ewe (Merryville background).
Magnussen Syndicate	18.5 mic	

#### POLL MERINOS

The type and style of the Merryville Poll Merino sheep mirror the Merryville horned types and families

##### FINE

**Average of Adult Ewes**                      **19.0 mic**      **6.0 kg cut/hd**

**Sire Used**

Uniform Poll 14th	17.3 mic	Champion Fine Wool Poll and Grand Champion Poll in Sydney 2019. Second in his Objective Measurement class with a fleece weight of 13.2kg valued at \$254.2
-------------------	----------	--

##### FINE/MEDIUM

**Average of Adult Ewes**                      **19.3 mic**      **6.8 kg cut/hd**

**Sire Used**

Pemcaw Poll	18.7 mic	Purchased at Dubbo 2012 for \$44,000 cut 13.7kg wool, weight 131kg
Merryville Poll ES	18.2 mic	
TW7.63	18.6 mic	Purchased in Adelaide for \$27,000

# Merryville Poll Merinos

## **The Merryville Poll Merino Stud continues to perform at the highest levels.**

Merryville was awarded the Most Successful March Shorn Poll Merino Exhibitor in Sydney 2019. "Merryville Bolte" contributed to this success being awarded the Grand Champion Fine Wool Poll Merino Ram and then the Grand Champion Poll Merino Ram. This ram also placed second in the 6 teeth and over Ram Objective Measurement class. His results included a 13.2kg FWT, 17.3 micron fleece valued at \$254.23. The 122kg ram had the 2nd highest fleece value and 3rd highest EMA. Another Merryville Medium Wool Poll Ram had the highest EMA and 4th highest fleece cut of his class.

Merryville Poll Merino Stud exhibited two grand champions in Sydney 2018 with the Grand Champion Superfine Wool Poll Ram earlier judged champion March-shorn and growing 18.4 micron wool with a 2.8 micron SD, 15.2pc CV and 99.8pc CF. In the fine wool poll section Merryville showed Grand Champion and Reserve Champion rams.

At the 2017 Sydney Royal Easter Show 'Merryville Cas' was the Grand Champion Fine/Medium Wool Poll Ram. This poll ram went on the win his Objective Measurement class cutting 15.8kg at 18.1 micron. No poll ram has ever cut this

sort of weight at this micron.

Merryville Poll Stud's results at the 2016 Sydney Royal Easter Show included the Most Successful Exhibitor in March Shorn Poll Merino Section, Grand Champion Poll Ewe, Grand Champion Fine Wool Poll Ewe, Grand Champion Fine/Medium Wool Poll Ewe and Junior Champion March Shorn Poll Ewe.

In the Objective Measurement class, a Merryville 2 tooth poll ram had the highest eye muscle depth at 40.0 mm, with a fat depth of 3 mm. This ram also had the 2nd highest poll fleece value of the class.

In the Objective Measurement class at the 2015 Sydney Royal Show, Merryville's Junior Champion Fine/Medium Wool Poll Ram placed 3rd with a 19.5 micron fleece. This was the highest yielding and most valuable fleece of the class at 82.1% and \$125.39 respectively.

We now have a dual purpose line for those who want to do fine wool Merino lamb production. Our new sire is Merryville Regal who weighed 155kg on 11/8/2020 at 2yo and will be on display at our ram sale.

Merryville is continuing to strengthen the genetics of its Poll Merino Stud.

## Performance & Production

**Increasingly shows are including Performance Classes in their schedules to give a more objective view of a sheep's value. These Performance Classes use objective measurement for both wool and meat, looking at Frame & Confirmation, Body Weight, Fat Depth, Eye Muscle Depth, Staple Strength, Coefficient of Variation and Fleece Value.**

Merryville Stud has proven the profitability of both its rams and ewes in the Objective Measurement Classes at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in recent years.

In 2019 Merryville placed second in the 2 to 4 tooth Ram Objective Measurement class with a 15.5kg FWT, 17.6 micron fleece valued at \$261.51. This ram was the heaviest cutting 17 micron ram, had the highest subjective points and the 3rd highest fleece value in the class. Along with Merryville Bolte's success in the OM class, another Merryville Medium Wool Poll Ram had the highest EMA and 4th highest fleece cut of the class.

In 2017 a Fine/Medium Wool Poll Ram was the winner of the OM 6 tooth & Over Ram class. 'Merryville Cas' cut 15.8kg of 18.1 micron fleece at a yield of 83.5% for a total fleece value of \$277.

The 121kg ram had an eye muscle depth of 32mm.

In the Sydney 2016 Objective Measurement 2 to 4 tooth class, Merryville had the second highest fleece value for 'Merryville 14' (the Supreme Merino Exhibit) with a 15.4kg, 18.5 micron fleece with a yield of 72%. A Merryville 2 tooth poll ram had the highest eye muscle depth at 40.0 mm and a fat depth of 3 mm. This ram also had the 2nd highest poll fleece value of the class.

In Sydney 2015 'Merryville EM Cas' placed 2nd in the Ram 6 tooth and over class with a 125.5kg ram with 18.8 micron wool, a fleece yield of 74.9% and fleece value of \$138.06. A younger poll ram in the 2 to 4 tooth class placed 3rd in his class. With a 19.5 micron fleece this was the highest yielding and most valuable fleece of the class at 82.1% and \$125.39 respectively. In the 2 to 4 tooth Ewe class Merryville secured 2nd place with a 17.7 micron, 12.5kg fleece valued at \$108.23.

Merryville Stud recorded a record wool weight of 18.36kg in the performance class of the 2015 Dubbo Show and Sale. The ram won the class with a micron of 17.8, SD of 2.9, CV of 16.8% and CF of 99.8%. The fleece was valued at \$155.33 and received 160 points from

a possible 160 for the fleece value. The eye muscle depth and fat depth also obtained maximum points.

The Objective Measurement Class for Rams 6 tooth and over at Sydney in 2013 was won by a Fine/Medium ram from the Merryville Uniform family during his first showing. This ram weighed 113.5kg after shearing a 12.4kg fleece of 18.1 micron wool yielding 75.2% and valued at \$116.66. The ram's total value was \$409.00 and its eye muscle measured 42mm with a fat depth of 4.2mm. This eye muscle measurement was the highest in the class. Merryville's entry in the Ram 2 to 4 tooth class also had the highest eye muscle measurement of 41mm.

Merryville won the Objective Measurement Class at Dubbo in 2013 with a ram cutting 14.6kg wool with a micron of 17.4 and 139kg body weight. The ram scored a perfect score for his fleece which was valued at \$126.44. This follows on from Merryville's Castellon ram which cut 14.8kg at 19.2 micron in 2012.

In 2012 in the performance classes at Sydney Merryville placed 1st and 3rd with two rams. The prize winning ram was a 4 tooth while Merryville's 6 tooth ram came third. Both rams scored top in their class for eye muscle depth.

## FLOCK RAMS

- Free delivery to most areas
- All sheep vaccinated
- Available Mid-September
- In all grades to suit your stud or flock

# VALE

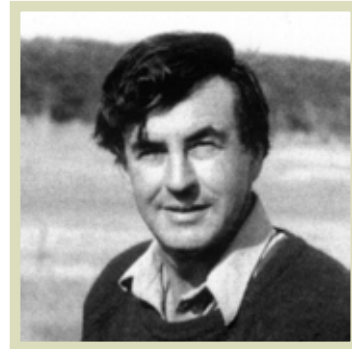
## Maurice Bobbin

Our great friend Maurie Bobbin passed away on 30th March 2020. Maurie ran our office for Dad and then for me. Maurie was part of the family and worked here for 25 years. Maurie was also the Secretary of the Southern Tablelands Merino Field Days Committee for many years. He is sadly missed.



## Robert Peden

In a year when a lot of good industry people have passed on, Robert also died. Robert was the driving force behind the Southern Tablelands Merino Field Days and the Goulburn Ram Sale Committee. He had much success with his wool and the Big Merino in Goulburn was modelled on one of his sires.



## Thomas Talbot

This year also saw the passing of our great mate Tom Talbot. Tom gave his lifetime to serving the wool industry, particularly in Tasmania. Tom had great respect from all sections of the industry and is sorely missed.



## James Litchfield

Jim Litchfield was instrumental in driving the industry towards scientific breeding principles but was never afraid to compete in Wether Trials. While our family used different breeding methods to achieve commercial success, I had great respect for Jim.



## Jim Maple-Brown

Jim Maple-Brown also spent his life working for the betterment of the wool industry particularly greasy wool marketing. I am quite sure he would have approved of the new digital system of WoolQ.

# 2020: The year everybody will want to forget

by Jimmy Jackson

The wool industry early on in this year back in January started on a bad footing when European and US apparel retailers informed suppliers (wool manufacturing companies) that the volume of orders for the next Autumn/Winter season will be significantly reduced. The reason for this was due to a relatively warm winter in the northern hemisphere, resulting in lower sales of clothing made from wool, which in turn meant that they were holding a lot of unsold stock leftover from the run-up to Christmas which in the northern hemisphere is the main selling season for wool apparel. Some Nordic outdoor brands reported that it had not snowed during the Christmas holidays in the southern parts of Scandinavia a first for most in living memory.

However looking back this is nothing compared to what was going to follow in the coming months in the form of COVID-19 which nobody could or would have predicted, and as a result the halting of trade through the pipeline.

In February news of the pandemic which originated in the City of Wuhan in China broke out, and China started to go into "lockdown". Some of the management of wool processing factories in China returned to re-open their factories towards the end of the month only to find out that most of the workers i.e. machine operators were absent. Most of which had travelled at the end of January back to the hometowns to celebrate the Chinese New Year, but due to the restrictions they could not travel back to work.

Eventually, by March most of the Chinese wool processing companies had got their staff back and were proudly announcing that they are getting back to normal and were operating at 80 to 90 % capacity and everybody started to think that the crisis may be over.

One of the sectors worst hit by the restrictions was the discretionary sectors which include clothing retailers resulting in the closure of most "bricks and Mortar" clothing stores.

Although on-lines clothing sales started to rise in some cases dramatically in the main it went nowhere near to compensating the income lost due to sales in their shops. As people shop more on-line things will improve.

Most International clothing trade shows which focus on the Autumn/Winter retail selling season which normally "kick-off" in July and are held in the likes of New York, Paris, Milan, London and Shanghai were cancelled, thus preventing retailers buyers to meet up with sellers (wool manufacturers) face to face, to discuss future orders.

All this describes the lead up into the position the wool industry finds itself into today

- Dramatic and rapid fall in the price of wool across all types and microns
- Wool manufacturing companies reduced to short time or rotational working and what orders are coming through tend to be small.
- Many clothing retailers around the world have temporarily "shut up shop" again due to a second wave of the pandemic.

## Is there as "light at the end of the tunnel"?

Yes, there will be. For over 200 years the wool industry has had perhaps more than its fair share of "up's and downs", but it has survived, mainly due to the resilience of those sectors involved i.e. the woolgrowers, traders (Brokers and Exporters), and the manufacturers particularly those involved in early-stage wool processing who have invested heavily in wool specific processing equipment.

As the world eventually emerges from the crisis there will be new opportunities which will arise for wool to meet the changing consumer attitudes and lifestyles in a post COVID world.

Consumers will focus on value has "value becomes the new black" (The new black is a term used frequently in the fashion industry to describe what is the new trend)

They will think more deeply about their purchases and see it has an investment based on the old saying "Buy good, Buy once".

The Inherent benefits and properties of wool such as its natural, biodegradable, and renewable will continue to become more important in the purchasing decisions of consumers.

There are also product sectors opportunities.

- Wool has already established itself has the preferred fibre when it comes to base layers for snow sports clothing in the western world, but a great opportunity is with the forthcoming Winter Olympics in Beijing in 2022. Always such events inspire people to go out and get involved i.e. When Wimbledon is on you cannot get on a tennis court. So, it is an opportunity to promote clothing made wool to the Chinese burgeoning middle-class consumers into the run-up and during this event.
- Other product opportunities are to further expand wools percentage in the outdoor market such has Cycling wear (During the pandemic sales of bicycles have soared), Adventure wear i.e. for camping, trekking, fishing etc), as more people will look for space and away from the maddening crowds of busy airports, hotels, and beaches.
- Clothing for exercise indoor and out
- Home wear for work or leisure i.e. "Loungewear"
- Protective wear: Already several wool manufacturers have developed ant-bacterial finishes based on either Silver or Zinc compounds for wool yarns, fabric, and garments. Not only will the post-COVID consumer be interested in such, but it could enable wool to re-emerge in the vast uniform market.

On a final note and to give all of us involved in the wool industry hopefully some degree of renewed confidence for the future it is perhaps worth recalling the words of Winston Churchill made during a speech after the second world war when much of the world was devastated and in tatters and many thought that we would never recover.

**"Never let a good crisis go to Waste"**

Winston Churchill in 1945