



# BINDAWARRA MERINO STUD

***“Profitable sheep for all areas”***

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Ram Sale Preview

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## BINDAWARRA NEWS

### Preview of Sale Rams for 2013 Selling Season

Bindawarra will be taking one pen of five rams to Hamilton Sheepvention this year. We decided on only one pen as we brought 9 out of 10 rams back to Gippsland last year. This will result in some of the best rams being offered at Bairnsdale in September.

#### Hamilton Sheepvention & Bairnsdale Sale Rams

We have almost chosen the team for Sheepvention with the final decision of rams to be included to be made later in July. Please find following the test results and comments about each of the top rams that will be offered this year. Rams that are not taken to Hamilton may be offered at Bairnsdale.

Tag No	Sire	Micron	SD	CV	Comments
274	37	19.4	3.5	18	Large frame with productive wool
57	344	18.6	2.5	13.4	Huge ram, perfect structure. Great wool
13	46	19.3	2.9	15	Big frame with long white wool. Good all rounder.
16	46	18.3	3.1	16.9	Huge upstanding ram with elite wool.
78	344	19.4	3.1	16	Structurally perfect ram. Heavy cutting elite fleece with a defined crimp.
191	253	18.4	3.3	17.9	Big productive ram with special wool.
48	344	16.7	2.7	16.2	Big square frame, very long white wool with a broad crimp. Open face.
175	253	17.2	2.7	15.7	Very elite wool.
83 Poll	33	19.6	3.1	15.8	True poll. Good body. Thick white wool
101 Poll	33	17.5	2.8	16	Great body shape. Pure bubbly wool. Slight scurr.
102 Poll	33	18.3	2.9	15.8	Big robust frame. True poll.



Crowd at last year's Open Day



## Open Day—July 10th 2013

All of the sale rams will be available for inspection at our Open Day on July 10th, 2013. Please see the enclosed flyer for further details. Please come along and see these great rams for yourself and ask Steve any questions about them. Warm food and drinks will be available all day. There will also be fleeces on show from Bindawarra bred sheep.

As this will be the 50th Anniversary year for the Bindawarra Merino Stud, we hope to make this an Open Day to remember. Come along and celebrate with us.



## Trial Results

Following on from our first place at the GSBA Wether trial in early May, we attended the final shearing of the Ovens Valley wether trial in late May. We were fortunate to achieve a third overall in the 3 year trial, with an overall group average of \$79.38 over the three years. This was \$9 above the average for the trial which involved 26 teams from Victoria and southern NSW.

Other important figures to note are that our micron average was 17.4 whilst the group average was 18.6 and Bindawarra achieved an average of 7.06kg whilst the average fleece weight for the trial was 6.93kg. This weight and micron combination have proven to be very successful in both trial and commercial situations. These micron and fleece weight values are almost identical to those in the Gippsland trials, showing that Bindawarra wethers can consistently provide these results in a variety of environments.

Also of note was that our wethers had the heaviest body weight in the top five placing's.

### Dates to remember:

- *Open Day -  
10th July 2013*
- *Hamilton Sheepvention -  
6th August 2013*
- *Bairnsdale Ram Sale -  
3rd September 2013*

### Lambing

There are lots of potential stud rams on the ground now with our stud lambing complete. The lambs have survived after 150mm of rain last week with a large number of twins evident at this stage.

Megan is feeding two stud lambs—hoping to raise next year's top selling ram.

