

2018 SALES RESULTS & 2019 OFFERINGS

Our results from last year were very strong, with full clearance of all rams at both Benalla (8 Rams) and Bairnsdale (58 rams). We will be offering 6 rams at Benalla this year and 40 at Bairnsdale.

We were again successful in winning the Best Wool Ram award, with the same ram also receiving reserve all purpose ram at the North East Merinos Sale. We see this as recognition that our breeding objectives are fulfilling our aim to provide sheep with a great wool quality as well as a quality carcass.



The Gippsland Ram Sale will again be held at the venue next to Elders in Bairnsdale.

LEARNING AT BINDAWARRA

We have been part of a research project run by Murdoch University (WA) that has been examining the reasons for foetal losses in sheep. Our stud has been one of five sites across Victoria. Our maiden ewes have been tested from prior to joining right through to lambing to see if there are any factors that contribute to not conceiving, aborting or stillbirths. One of the researchers is concurrently looking at lamb mortality. We are hoping that the findings produce some useful information for all sheep producers in the future



Our research mob with their individual numbers to enable us to identify them from a distance.

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Bindawarra Poll Rams

DNA test results for the poll gene will be available again this year for selected sale rams. These rams will be identified as being PP (full poll) or PH (half poll). This is a tool that should enable a 98% chance that the ram will have poll progeny, depending on the genetic status of the ewe.

Example 1: PP ram x HH ewes results in a 50% chance of poll lambs.

Example 2: PP ram over PH ewes results in a 75% chance of poll lambs.

Example 3: PP ram over PP ewes results in a 98% chance of poll lambs

This year we have used tissue sampling to test for the poll gene.

Steve At Bendigo

Steve will be again performing steward duties at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show at Bendigo from July 19th. He has also decided to take three rams to show at this event, so if you are going, keep an eye out for him and say hello.



Dates to remember:

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| • Open Day | 9th July 2019 |
| • NE Merinos Sale (Benalla) | 13th August 2019 |
| • Gippsland Merinos Ram Sale (Bairnsdale) | 3rd September 2019 |

"Progress has little to do with speed, but much to do with direction" Timber Hawkeye



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GIPPSLAND'S DROUGHT

The Giffard area has seen the lowest recorded rainfall last year, following on from a very dry 2017. We have been hand feeding sheep for two full years now after de-stocking our commercial property by about 50 percent. We are very thankful to all those people who have provided assistance by sharing contacts for grain and hay supplies for both us and the wider Gippsland area. Also thanks to the transport drivers who drive many hours to bring us this much needed fodder.

Through careful management and the use of containment areas, we have retained most of the stud ewes and been able to produce healthy rams for sales this year.



As you all know, feeding stock takes a lot of time every day, so we are grateful to those who have phoned or contacted us to give support and share their knowledge about things such as nutrition advice, feed supplies or just to say "Hi".



We have been able to access some Government funding to aid in infrastructure improvements and pasture recovery as well as many community functions.

Thankfully we have received some rain in May and June so have been able to re-sow some pasture.

Bindawarra Field Day— Tuesday July 9th

Please find included with this newsletter the flyer for our annual Gippsland Merino Field Day to be held on Tuesday July 9th.

As with other years, we will have all our sale rams on display for your inspection, as well as the stud reserve sires that we will keep for future breeding. If you are unable to attend, but would like to know about the rams, please contact us and we will send you all the relevant figures.

At the Field Day, we will continue our practise of providing hot food and drinks all day for all visitors. The shed will be open from 10am until 4pm but if you need to come earlier or later, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.