

# One Oak Poll

July 2019 Newsletter

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## Stud News

A very tough twelve months has hopefully eased with a some welcome rain falling in the last few weeks. All of our stock has been hand fed grain and hay this last year - something we have not previously done. In 2018 we built 10 feeders and purchased 3 more. This has enabled us to feed the lambs at weaning time and young stock more effectively. The sale rams are in good healthy condition in preparation for our on-property auction on **Friday 27th of September**. We are also offering a pen of 5 March shorn rams at **Hamilton Sheepvention** on August 6th.

Our focus to breed an even type of sheep that balances the dual purpose wool type with an animal that rounds up easily to go over the hooks and cuts a good amount of bold medium to fine medium wool, under normal farming conditions has held us in good stead during these difficult seasons.

The introduction of Wallaloo Park 442 has worked well in our breeding program with his progeny cutting large amounts of well marked wool on a supple loose skin. This ram has crossed well with our One Oak Poll ewes to consistently breed a free growing, heavy cutting sheep.

The influence of One Oak genetics has improved the quality and quantity of our wool cut and its ability to handle all environments. The wool quality of our Poll rams is continuing to increase in depth throughout the stud, with this influence of progeny from One Oak and One Oak No.2 studs.

Our 2018 breeding program saw Wallaloo Park 442 used through ET and B12014, B13014, BR14008, LB 14001 and his son LB 15099 used by A.I. Their progeny will be available at our on-property auction in September.



## 2019 Elders farm Tour

An on farm tour organised by Elders was recently held giving, farmers an opportunity to visit a number of Riverina Studs, over several days. We'd like to thank the organisers from Elders for the opportunity to present our sires, sale rams and shedded rams.



2019 sale rams



The 24th Annual Lake Cargelligo Maiden Merino Ewe Competition was held on Friday 1st February with 8 competitors from the Naradhan, Rankins Springs, Weethalle, Gubbata, Kikoira, Ungarie and Tullibigeal localities. All the ewes presented in excellent condition, particularly given the very trying season with almost a month of high temperatures well into the mid 40 C. Feed is in very short supply with most farmers having been on a full feeding regime for the previous two years. Dust storms are blowing through the district on an almost daily occurrence, at least one per fortnight being severe. To present ewes of such excellent standard, says a lot for the farmers of the district and their abilities to cope in any situation.

The judges for the day were Stephen Chalmers, a merino sheep specialist with Landmark and Allan 'Smoke' Dawson from Winyar Merinos of Canowindra, both judges were happy to be given the chance to judge the competition and also to have the opportunity to see the old Naradhan Woolshed in a morning tea break.

First place was awarded to the **Carruthers Family** of "Millbank" Tullibigeal who presented a flock of 20 micron **One Oak Poll** merino ewes which the judges regarded as being very bloomy & high crimping wools with large framed sheep with a good butt shape for easy lambing & fertility. These ewes had a good finish and great coverage which would go on to be very heavy wool cutting ewes. The Carruthers family achieve 91% lambing and an average of 8.5kg of wool per sheep. Their yield is 58% and the ewes had 10 months wool growth. The ewes were classed by Michael Elmes, who culls 34.3% of young ewe lambs to give an averaged gross margin of \$247 per ewe.

Second place was awarded to Youngara Partnership of "Youngara" Ungarie who presented a flock of 19.8 micron Haddon Rig blood ewes. The judges commented that the Youngara ewes had nice wool with good lock structure and bloom. These ewes are handling the drought conditions very well and show a type all the way through the flock. They were also regarded as being very feminine ewes with a high lambing percentage of 118 per cent. Their wool cut averaged 7.8 kg per ewe at 66.2% yield. The Rossiter family work with Paul Kelly as their sheep classer culling 41% of their ewe lambs providing a healthy averaged gross margin of \$294 per ewe. Youngara were also awarded the Spectators Choice award.

Third place went to **Justin & Natalie McCarten** of "Glen Echo" Rankins Springs who presented a flock of 20 micron **One Oak Poll** blood ewes. The judges thought the wool displayed cut and handling in droughty and dusty conditions. The body shape was very good with a good finish of wool all over each ewe. These ewes have lambing percentages of 112% which enables a culling rate of 32%. Justin & Nat cut 5.8kgs of wool after 10 months, taking advantage of the good wool length their ewes grow to shear at less than 12 month intervals. The ewes yielded 59% and gave an averaged gross margin of \$261 per ewe. They were classed by Michael Elmes.



Above: Justin and Natalie McCarten's, third placed "Geln Echo" ewes

Maree Stockman was awarded the Encouragement award for continuing to improve her flock of 19.2 micron Lachlan blood merinos and Peter & Meegan McCarten of McCarten Farms took home the Most Profitable Award for their flock of Wanganella blood ewes. These ewes had an averaged gross margin of \$307 per head for wool and stock sales using standardised figures for wool (price that week) and lamb price of \$150 per head.

The day is seen as a great learning opportunity with judges, farmers and many industry representatives coming together to discuss all topics merino, from micron, stock suitability to the area, drought feeding, heat management, body shape, conformation with lots of interest in necks, feet and hocks providing an animals ability to withstand the pressures of dry seasons and ability to walk for feed and water and still be a productive ewe with great fertility.

Joining of ewes was also discussed with the recent high temperatures leading to many reports of very low scanned conception rates in ewes across the country. It has been reported that when night time temperatures stay above 26C for three consecutive nights many ewes will miscarry lambs. Temperatures above 40 C will also affect sperm production in rams and limit cycling in ewes. Rams will not have sufficient sperm to join for 40 days following any disruption to their sperm production. Shearing or crutching ewes and rams may assist to improve conception rates and a longer joining may be required following excessive temperatures to allow cycling to return to normal.

Shearing based on wool length of 75 millimetres was also discussed with a number of farmers taking advantage of this opportunity. It does present difficulties with timing but the extra wool and benefit of joining and lambing ewes with shorter wool make it worthwhile. Much care is needed to ensure wool is not shorter than 75 mm as heavy penalties will apply.

Many thanks to Bill Worland and his committee for setting up and leading the Maiden Ewe Competition to such a high standard for the last 24 years. Every competitor is to be commended for the management of their stock and continuing to present such well managed healthy ewes.

Article courtesy of "The Lake Cargelligo Ewe Competition committee"

### Hill family receive National Top Price

long standing One Oak Poll clients. Phillip and Vicki Hill from "Pynvue" Kikoira set a new Australian record for Merino lambs at Griffith Store Sale in July 2018. **The Hills sold a line of 48 Merino wether Lambs for \$252** - congratulations, a National record.

### \$6000 top at 2018 auction

34 registered buyers from Queensland, NSW and Victoria saw a one hundred percent clearance of 94 rams offered at the One Oak Poll on property auction held last Friday. The sale averaged \$2226, with a top of \$6000.

In a break down, 24 March shorn rams, 13 of which were housed and the remainder 11 unhoused, averaged \$3020 and topped at \$6000. The 70 paddock run rams also received strong bidding through to the end of the sale and averaged, \$1953.

The top priced ram, purchased by Michael Green from "Boudjah", Cooma, for \$6000 was 19.1 micron, weighed 112 kilograms, had a standard deviation of 3.2, fibre diameter coefficient of variation 16.8 pc and comfort factor of 99.3.



Above: Natasha and Lachlan Wells with Michael Green, holding the top priced ram of the sale

Mr Green is a return buyer to One Oak Poll and has previously purchased top priced rams at the auction. "The respect I have for the generational knowledge of Alistair and his father, Graham brings me to the One Oak Poll sale." Mr Green said.

Mr Green also secured a second ram for \$4250.

"I thought he was the most correct sheep in the sale", commented Alistair Wells. "He is a sire that will breed on and has a good balance between production and quality".

The second top price of \$5000 was paid three times during the sale, by three separate buyers.

Andrew and Catherine Browning from "Ivyholme", Jerilderie purchased a ram for \$5000, son of Wallaloo Park 422 along with 6 other rams. The 7 rams purchased by the Browning family averaged \$2428.

\$5000 was also paid by Narada Grazing, Tambo, QLD who also purchased 3 other rams for an average of \$2687.

Long term One Oak Poll client, Barry Carruthers and Son, "Millbank" Tullibigeal, was one of the larger volume buyers of the sale, securing 11 rams for a \$2000 average.

Another volume buyer of the sale was JW and J Caldwell of Young. The Caldwell's purchased rams from One Oak Poll for the first time in 2017 and returned to this year's sale to secure 10 rams for an average of \$2800.

Other volume buyers included WL and R Boyd from Mitiamo and Robert Smith Nominees, from Berrigan who both purchased 5 rams each.

"It was terrific to see so many of our clients able to attend our sale after we had moved the date a month later. The sale was a success with the help of our stud classer Michael Elmes, from Smart Stock, Narrandera." said Alistair Wells. "I was also pleased to see several new buyers attending the sale. Return clients commented on the success of sale yard prices they were receiving from their surplus stock, several having topped recent sales. There was a positive mood about wool and sheep in general."

One Oak Poll 5 yr adult ewe av. mic - 20.0  
 Fine type ewes av. mic 18-19  
 Medium type ewe av. mic 20-22



Tag	Stud tag	Sire	Mic	SD	CV	CF
M20714	<b>W18013</b>	F Syn	16.6	2.5	15.1	99.8
M20722	<b>P18006</b>	P Syn	17.5	2.8	16.0	100
M20730	<b>W18006</b>	F Sp	17.7	3.2	18.1	99.7
M20719	<b>B18010</b>	BR14008	17.2	2.8	16.3	99.9
M20740	<b>P18004</b>	P Syn	19.4	3.7	19.1	99.6

**White Tag 18013:** large frame, good doing, well put together ram. A very balanced high quality wool sire with a very good outlook

**Purple Tag 18006:** big square ram with beautiful bright free growing stylish wool

**White Tag 18006:** very well balanced, good doing, well put together ram with free growing soft stylish bright wool

**Blue Tag 18010:** a very neat, well put together and well bred sire with very stylish breedy wool

**Purple tag 18004:** a solid well out together sire with a very good heavier cutting well nourished skin. A very productive sire.



### Come and see us - 2019 Calender

**July 19th-21nd:** Australian Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo - display, show and sale

**August 4th and 6th:** Hamilton Sheepvention, offering a pen of five rams

**August 16th:** Elders Riverina Sheep Expo, Deniliquin, site display

**September 3th:** Southwest Slopes Merino Field Day, site display

**September 27th: One Oak Poll On Property Auction**



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