

One Oak Poll

September 2021 Newsletter

Poll Flock No.P408 Est.1963

Welcome to our July 2021 Stud newsletter. Recent rainfall, after a dry later half of Autumn has set the season up for the potential of a good spring ahead. We are looking forward to seeing coverage of native grasses developing across paddocks and providing a good source of fodder for weaning lambs and growing wool.

Investment in genetics

Our 2021 selection of sale rams is the result of ten years of embryo transfer programs, using some of the industries leading dual purpose medium wool sires. Our investment in ET has helped to fast track genetic improvements and to stamp in constitution, wool quality, staple length and dual purpose attributes. We are pleased to offer a very good line up of sale rams this year at our on-property auction which will be held on Friday September 24th. 100 rams will be offered with the sale starting at 1pm and inspection from 10am. The sale will also interfaced with Auctions Plus.

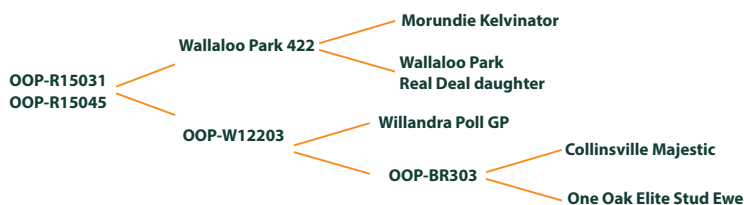
2021 Ram sale joinings

In our 2020 breeding program, all our medium and strong wool ewes were joined to sons of Wallaloo Park (WP) 422 which were joined ET to ewes that go back to three generation of elite genetics.

Our top 500 medium wool ewes were joined to **OOP-R15031**, **OOP-R15045** and **OOP-R15050**, through A.I. and natural joining, to special and elite stud ewes.

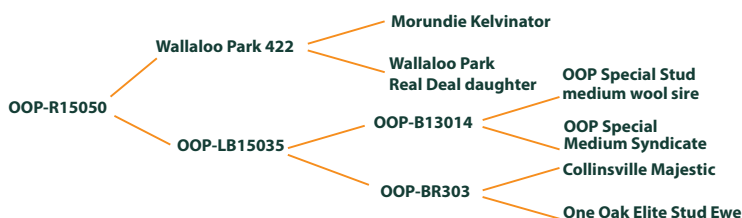
Breeding Background of OOP-R15031 and OOP-R15045

In December 2009 we joined Collinsville Majestic to the best six One Oak and One Oak No. 2 special stud ewes. The best ewe, from this joining was **OOP-BR303**, cutting 10kg's of long staple, rich, deep crimping wool on a well structured 100 kg body, with no body wrinkle. This ewe was joined to Willandra Poll GP in an embryo transfer program that provided 30 embryos. Two rams from this program won the Best Pair of Sale Rams at Bendigo Sheep Show. The most correct and the sweetest wool sister to these rams were joined to WP-422 through Embryo Transfer, which resulted in 3 ram lambs. All three of these rams were blade shorn and two were kept as sires. Interestingly the other ram was sold to Michael Green from Boudja Merino Stud who had previously purchased one of the winning pair of sale rams sold at Bendigo. The two brothers we kept as sires are **OOP-R15031** and **OOP-R15045**.



Breeding Background of OOP-R15050

One Oak poll sire **OOP-R15050**, by WP-422, is out of an ET daughter of **OOP-B13014**. That daughter was bred through an ET program with a daughter of Collinsville Majestic over an elite One Oak ewe.



Medium Syndicate joining

In 2020 we joined 300 Medium Syndicate ewes to WP-422 sons **OOP-R15035** and **OOP-R15037**.

Breeding Background of OOP-R15035 and OOP-R15037

In December 2013, **OOP-B12014** was used in an A.I. program over the best One Oak Special Stud ewes. The heaviest and best wool ewe from this joining was then joined by ET to WP-422 and produced two very rich wool sires **OOP-R15035** and **OOP-R15037**.

OOP-B12014 has been used with success by Brundanella and Grogansworth and a son of OOP-B12014 has also bred well for Michael Green, Boudja Merino Stud. Doug Walker's Grand Champion ram at this years Hay sheep show goes back to OOP-B12014.

Lambs bred by **OOP-R15035** and **OOP-R15037** were joined to the medium wool syndicate ewes and exhibit productive supple skin with soft medium wool.

Sale Rams out of Medium and Fine Medium Wool ewes

The purple, blue and white tag rams all go back to One Oak, One Oak No.2. and One Oak Poll genetics and are bred to handle higher rainfall areas.



Sale Rams out of Medium & Fine Medium Wool ewes Cont.....

Purple tag sale rams: These rams are out of the richer, heavier medium wool ewes, joined to the largest framed, free growing medium wool sires.

Blue tag sale rams (Special Fine Syndicate): the best fine medium type ewes were joined to the largest framed, quality fine medium wool sires, including **OOP-W17001** and **OOP-LB15001**, (sons of **OOP-LB14001**) from One Oak No.2 and One Oak Poll genetic background.

White tag sale rams:

Fine Syndicate - free growing finer medium type ewes were joined to the richest, fine medium woolled sires, including **OOP-LB14001**, from One Oak No.2 and One Oak Poll genetic background.

Heavy Fine Syndicate - the heavier type, fine medium ewes were joined to the largest framed, long stapled, fine medium wool sires.

Lake Cargelligo Maiden Ewe Competition

Congratulations to Barry, Vickie and Jared Carruthers for winning the 2021 Lake Cargelligo Maiden Ewe competition - their 7th win! The Carruthers family of "Millbank" Tullibigeal have been buying One Oak Poll rams for 40 years and have consistently featured in the competitions honour role since its beginning in 1996.

"Eleven-months wool certainly impressed when the tour arrived at Barry and Vickie Carruthers and son, Jared, Milbank, Tullibigeal, but it was also the conformation, quality and wool cut of the 20.5 micron average One Oak Poll blood flock of some 40 years that really impressed as standouts to win the competition." Mark Griggs, The Land Newspaper, February 1st 2021.

We also congratulate long standing clients Justin & Natalie McCarten of "Glen Echo" Rankin Springs, for placing third, after winning in 2020, 2018 and 2010.



Above: Classer Michael Elmes "Smart Stock", with Barry, Vicki and Jared Carruthers with their winning flock at the Lake Cargelligo Maiden Ewe Competition, 2021.

Elders Riverina Stud Tour

Recently a contingent of Elders agents and sheep producers visited our stud as part of their three day tour of the Riverina. Visitors on the day were able to preview our housed rams and sires. Feedback from the day was very positive and we look forward to presenting our sheep for display at Bendigo Sheep Show July 16 -18, the Riverina expo at Deniliquin on August 13th and South West Slopes Field Day on August 31st.



2021 Sale rams on display

Stud Sales 2020

One Oak Poll ram **OOP-18010** sold privately for \$30,000 to Boughens from Kamora-Netley Park Poll Merino Stud, SA in September last year. This ram was by **OOP-B13014** and was 118 kgs with 18.9 micron, 3.1 SD, 16.4 CV and 99.3 CF.

Another One Oak Poll sire, **OOP-018036** sold to South Australian Stud, Andoma Poll Merino for \$10,000 after the on-property auction. This ram was out of our special syndicate ewes across a son of WP-422 and weighed 107 kgs, with 20.7 mic, 3.3 SD, 15.9 CV, and 99.4 CF.



Above: Michael Elmes with Alistair Wells holding OOP-01836 sold for \$10,000 to Andrew and Karen Mosey, from Andoma Poll Merino Stud, SA.



Above: Michael Elmes and Justin Boughen from Kamora-Netley Park Poll Merino Stud, SA with Amelia and Alistair Wells holding OOP-18010, sold for \$30,000



2020 Ram Sale \$15,000 top at Auction

For their annual sale last Friday Alistair and Natasha Wells, One Oak Poll Merino stud, Jerilderie penned 110 rams for consideration by wool growers.

The average micron for all of the rams penned was 19.9 micron, 3.3 standard deviation, 16.7 coefficient variation and 99.1 per cent comfort factor.

Mr Wells noted the wool was soft, white and heavy and the structure of the rams square, showing good constitution across the board.

Top price was \$15,000 and there were 105 sold for an average price of \$2433.

The top priced ram was purchased by Geoff Longmire, Narrandera.

It was the first time Mr Longmire had purchased at One Oak Poll stud and he was advised by Michael Elmes, Smartstock, Narrandera.

Mr Longmire breeds his own replacement rams and selected the top priced ram for his outstanding conformation.

"I liked his whole structure, his barrel and depth," he said. "He has a great sirey head, with bold crimping wool which is soft."

Mr Longmire's new sire had the fleece measurements of 21.2m, 2.9 SD and 99.3 per cent comfort factor.

Before the auction, a ram was sold privately for \$30,000 and bought by Justin Boughen, Kamora/Netley Park Poll Merinos, Karoonda, SA.

Mr Boughen admired the big soft muzzle of the ram and the style of the long stapled fleece.

"We came to buy a ram with white and pure wool," he said. "Our ram has terrific lock structure and a very dense fleece."

The fleece measurements of 18.9m, 3.1 SD and 99.3 pc CF with a body weight of 119kg confirmed Mr Boughen's decision to buy the ram.

A second ram was also sold privately for \$10,000 to Andrew and Karen Mosey, Andoma Poll Merinos, Mundulla, SA.

Sales of high priced rams included Stavely Park Merinos, Stavely, Victoria who bought one for \$8500, Illawarra Merino stud, Milbrulong who took one home for \$7000 and

Carrabungla Pastoral Co, Laggan who paid \$8500 for their selection of the offering.

Eulo Pastoral Co, Harden added to their sire strength with a \$6500 purchase, and Andrew Arbuckle, St Arnaud, Vic paid \$5500 for his choice of the offering, as did R.F and F.T Gavel, Condobolin.

Further excellent sales included one at \$5500 and one at \$3500 bought by V.H.S Ag, Humula and one at \$6000 purchased by Narada Grazing Co, Tambo, Queensland included in their draft of six rams for a \$2542 average price.

Volume buyers included A.M and C.E Browning, Jerilderie who selected six new sires to a top of \$5000 and average price of \$3875 while A.D Carruthers and Sons, Tullibigeal bought six rams to \$3000 (twice) for an average of \$2125.

Mr Wells was very pleased with the amount of stud interest in the rams and the support received on the day from new and existing clients and those who bought on AuctionPlus.

"Despite the high prices in the early lots, long term clients were still able to purchase rams at an affordable and competitive price," he said. The sale was settled by Nutrien Ag Solutions, Finley.

Stephen Burns
The Land Newspaper



Above: Michael Elmes, Smart Stock, Tim McMeekin, Elders and Alistair Wells holding the \$15,000 top price ram for successful bidders Geoff Longmire and his son Baxter, Narrandera.

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