

One Oak Poll

September 2022 Newsletter

Poll Flock No.P408 Est.1963



Welcome to our September Stud newsletter. After a tight Autumn and early Winter in 2021, the season broke and continued on with fairly constant rainfall through Spring and Summer. Even though there has been a succession of heavy frosts this winter, the Autumn rain, combined with a wetter than average summer, has meant that the native grass paddocks have better coverage than we've seen in many years.

These seasonal conditions enabled us to run this year's sale rams on the native grasses, without any supplementary feeding until late Autumn, after which we started to offer additional feed to their paddock diet. The sale rams have grown out well on native grasses and herbage and are continuing to look good leading up to our selling season.

The shedded rams were machine shorn mid March and put back into the paddocks, rather than into the ram shed. They were brought in to housed conditions and introduced to supplementary feeding in May, two months later than our usual practice. This group of rams show very good wool quality, and are an even lineup, with a number by Red-31 and Red-45 (DNA tested).

Our annual on-property will be held on **Friday September 30th**, with **110** rams offered for sale. The auction will start at 1pm, with inspection from 10am and lunch and morning tea provided. The sale will once again also be interfaced with Auctions Plus. Catalogues and videos of sale rams will be available mid September on our website **www.oneoakpoll.com.au**.

Client News

By Hannah Powe, The Land Newspaper February 15 2022

The choice to finally enter the West Wyalong Maiden Ewe Competition has paid off for **Darren and Gale Clarke** of Greenlands, Barmedman, who walked away with the top honours last Friday.

Despite being first-time entrants, the Clarke's flock of One Oak Poll-blood ewes attracted the attention of judges Russell Jones, Darriwell Merinos, Trundle, and Kym Hannaford, Nutrien wool, Wagga Wagga, with its good gutsy, nourished wools that had good definition.

"They were the most balanced flock with good follicle density, good staple length and they were a well structured mob of ewes," Mr Jones said.

The Clarkes run a mixed farming operation across their 1376 hectare property which includes sheep and crops for hay, grain and grazing.

On One Oak Poll genetics for at least 12 years now, they entered the trial after a few farmers from the region suggested they give it a go after seeing the quality of their surplus sheep in the West Wyalong Sheep Breeders sale.

"We join around 1000-1200 to Merinos, and some to White Suffolk rams," Mr Clarke said.

"We are pretty well where we want to be with numbers. I don't know how we fluked it but we came out of the drought and went back to where numbers were. Our average micron across all grown sheep last year was 20.5... but our five year average if closer to the 20-micron mark."

Focused on **"productive sheep that make you money"**, they displayed around 300 July/August 2020-drop ewes.

Mr Clarke said they target a 20-micron fleece which is well nourished and has plenty of style. Their flock is classed by Michael Elmes.

"We are shearing every 12 months, in June, and we lamb in July/August," he said. Lambing percentages have been pretty good, anywhere from 100-110 per cent and pushing that consistently. We are self-replacing, and only buy in rams."

"Surplus ewes are sold through West Wyalong or via AuctionsPlus. "Lambs we either sell them or finish them depending on the season. We kept a few last year because we had feed. Generally we just shear them and sell them."

With six entrants in the 2022 West Wyalong competition, second went to Ken Hardie and Natasha Stephens from Hardie Partnership, Rugby, Tallimba, with their Mount Willandry-blood ewes, while third was presented to last year's winner Emma Northey, Innisfail, Kikoira, with her Belswick-blood ewes.

The three top flocks were all classed by **Michael Elmes, Smart Stock, Narranderra**.



We aim at having a **balanced approach** with our breeding program - a sheep that is profitable for our business as well as that of our clients. We are focused on breeding an **uncomplicated**, heavy cutting, quality wool sheep, that is a **productive**, dual purpose animal. With an emphasis on brightness and **quality wool** in conjunction with **constitution**, our rams have bred well in both sheep-wheat areas as well as higher rainfall regions. Over the last few years, One Oak Poll sires have bred successfully in a number of leading studs throughout Australia. Our 2022 on-property auction saw a record equal top price in NSW of \$28,000.

One Oak Poll **15050** is a sire that has bred productivity consistently within our stud and with **good early breech scores** is currently being used as a link sire in Sire Evaluation.

Our long-term clients are consistently achieving good fertility rates, wool cuts and store sale results. The outstanding results a number of our clients have achieved in The Lake Cargelligo Ewe Competition, winning or placing 23 times over the competitions 27 year history, is testament to their **commercial productivity**.

This year, clients Justin and Natalie McCarten, Glen Echo, Rankin Springs, once again featured in The Lake Cargelligo Ewe Competition, when they were presented with second place after winning the event in 2020, 2018 and 2010.

One Oak Poll clients Darren and Gale Clarke, "Greenlands", Barmedman, have been purchasing rams for the past 12 years, and won the 2022 West Wyalong Ewe Competition after entering the event for the first time.

Mark and Helen Hoskinson, who have been purchasing One Oak Poll rams for over 30 years run a Merino flock at "Fernleigh" Kykiora, near West Wyalong have been achieving profitable results from their sheep. Their wether lambs, born in May/June 2021, were first shorn at six to seven months, and cut 2.5-3 kilograms of 16.4-17-micron wool. They were then shorn again in July and while the micron was slightly higher at 17-18 micron, the wool cut was also up at 3.5-4 kilograms.

"We are so happy with how those wether lambs have performed, cutting two clips of quality wool within their first year of life, and both of these clips met the 65mm length standard," Mark said.

"They have earned their wool value from six kilograms of wool before they are a year old, and then could be sold into the prime lamb market.

"While we have chosen not to sell most of them in winter due to the dip in returns, the early sales in March where we sold them in the Griffith saleyards saw them make \$191.

"You can talk about dual-purpose, but these sheep truly are that."

Sires (2020 drop)

SIRES - Housed (2020 drop)

| TAG | MIC | SD | CV | CF | Actual fleece weight (Kg) 7.3 months | Est fleece weight (Kg) 12 months | Est fleece weight (Lb) 12 months | BWT (kg) | SIRE |
|---------|------|-----|------|------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| R19138 | 22.3 | 4 | 17.9 | 98.9 | 8.7 | 14.3 | 31.5 | 121 | RED-55 |
| R19133 | 18.5 | 4.3 | 23.2 | 99.5 | 12.0 | 19.7 | 43.4 | 115 | RED-31 |
| BR19095 | 17.4 | 3.1 | 17.8 | 99.9 | 10.3 | 16.9 | 37.2 | 120 | Emperor 351 |
| B19499 | 18.3 | 3.2 | 17.5 | 99.9 | 8.5 | 14.0 | 30.7 | 117 | NE8-144 |
| R19135 | 18.9 | 3.6 | 19.0 | 99.5 | 7.5 | 12.3 | 27.1 | 113 | Sp Med |
| BR19093 | 18.0 | 3.5 | 19.4 | 99.9 | 10.0 | 16.4 | 36.2 | 117 | R15050 |
| B19455 | 17.0 | 2.8 | 16.5 | 99.8 | 7.5 | 12.3 | 27.1 | 106 | |
| B19498 | 17.1 | 2.8 | 16.4 | 99.7 | 11.4 | 18.7 | 41.2 | 114 | Sp F |
| BR19094 | 18.3 | 3.5 | 19.1 | 99.7 | 10.0 | 16.4 | 36.2 | 127 | |

SIRES - Paddock Run (2020 drop)

| TAG | MIC | SD | CV | CF | Actual fleece weight (kg) 7.3 months | Est fleece weight (Kg) 12 months | Est fleece weight (Lb) 12 months |
|--------|------|-----|------|-------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| P20006 | 19.5 | 3.1 | 15.8 | 99.7 | 6.4 | 12.2 | 26.8 |
| P20044 | 19.5 | 3.0 | 15.6 | 99.8 | 8.9 | 17.0 | 37.3 |
| P20048 | 18.2 | 2.9 | 16.1 | 99.8 | 8.3 | 15.8 | 34.8 |
| P20023 | 18.6 | 3.0 | 16.4 | 99.6 | 8.7 | 16.6 | 36.5 |
| W20062 | 17.4 | 2.9 | 16.5 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 15.6 | 34.4 |
| W20042 | 19.4 | 3.3 | 17.1 | 99.8 | 6.3 | 12.0 | 26.4 |
| W20083 | 18.6 | 3.2 | 17.1 | 99.3 | 9.0 | 17.1 | 37.7 |
| W20022 | 16.9 | 3.3 | 19.6 | 99.4 | 7.5 | 14.3 | 31.4 |

2022 Ram Sale Joinings

The lineup of sale rams for this year's auction include ET and AI lambs by **O18010** (sold for \$30,000 in 2020 to Sandalwood Poll Merino Stud, SA). Other rams for sale are by Red-31 (**R15031**), Red-50 (**R15050**), Red-45 (**R15045**) Red-35 (**R17035**) and were joined as a syndicate to our special stud ewes.

Purple stud ewes were joined to a Syndicate of sons of the above rams as well as sires **O18001**, **O18002** and **O18011**.

Joined to the fine syndicate (F Syn) ewes was a son of B12014, **P19070** (The Bonte). This ram is a big impressive sheep with a productive skin that moves with athleticism and agility.

Also joined to this syndicate was **LB14001**, a fine medium wool sire that was the top Poll ram out of One Oak No.2 Stud ewes. This ram is still producing quality, bright, fine medium wool and continues to breed the studs best finer quality wools.

Joined to the Special Fine (Sp F) group was **Morundie NE8-144**, purchased at Hamilton Sheepvention in 2019. Also joined in this syndicate was **W17002** (son of LB1400). This sire was joined in sire evaluation and measured a yearling body weight of +10.2.



2021 Ram Sale

One Oak Poll Merino sold to a record auction price on-farm at Jerilderie, with their top ram selling to \$28,000 or nearly double 2020's top.

The full draft also came back at a new record average with 110 rams for \$3885.

Lot 4, a PP Poll ram, R19137 (by Red-31), attracted a frenzy of bidding quickly going beyond \$20,000 and eventually selling to Rodger and Kim Mathews from Borambil Merino Stud, Corowa.

This most wanted stud sire was described as an all 'rounder with a balance of quality and volume in wool and meat. His wool measured 19.1 micron with a standard deviation of 3.3 and a coefficient of variation of Fibre Diameter of 17.3. The ram was DNA tested and is by Red-31, out of a special stud medium wool ewe. Stud principal Alistair Wells said that R19137 had a balance of meat and wool that will breed on and exhibited a level of comfort factor that reflected the stud's ambitions. This ram is plain bodied with increased body weight and long staple wool, Mr Wells said.

Lot 8, R19198 by R-45 a full ET brother to Red-31, sold for \$18,000 or \$3000 above last year's top bid, going to Michael Green from Boudjah Merino Stud, Cooma.



R19137 (by Red-31) with Nick Gray, Elders Jerilderie; Rodger Mathews, Borambil Stud, Lachlan, Amelia and Alistair Wells with Rick Power, Nutrien.

This younger ram was described as presenting with deeply crimped elite wool through to his points and underline. Carcase-wise he was square, solid and had the potential to easily fatten. His micron was 18.9 with a standard deviation of 2.9 and a CV of 15.3,

There were two lots that sold to \$9000 including lot 11, R19136 with "free-combing, gutsy wool on a well put together and good doing body". Micron was 18.9 with a standard deviation of 3.5.

The other ram sold at that price was lot 20, B20118

produced by artificial insemination with 18.6 micron wool and 3.5 Standard deviation.

Volume buyers were Andrew and Catherine Browning, Ivyholme, Jerilderie, who bought 8 rams for an average of \$4881, TM and J Caldwell, Young, purchased 10 rams for an average of \$3800. Barry Carruthers and sons, Tullibigeal, purchased 8 rams for an average of \$3197, Mark and Helen Hoskinson, Fernleigh, bought 9 rams for an average of \$3887.

Mr Wells said embryo transfer had served One Oak Poll very

well, and was worth the expense. "Artificial insemination is cheaper upfront but less effective. With ET the genetics of both sides are dominant."

Mr Wells said he and his wife Natasha and their children Amelia and Lachlan were thrilled with the result of the sale.

The sale was settled by Elders Deniliquin.

Sale Results

- \$28,000 record top price
- second top of \$18,000
- \$3887 Av for 110 rams

Alistair and Natasha Wells
One Oak Poll
1340 Liddles Lane, Jerilderie,
NSW 2716
Mob: 04 2886 7117
Email: oneoakpoll@gmail.com
Web: www.oneoakpoll.com.au

Stud Advisor:
Michael Elmes
Mobile: 04 2984 7552
Ph: 02 6959 3637

