

## What, where, when

**What:** Eyre Peninsula Merino and Poll Merino Field Day  
**Where:** Wudinna Showground Sheep Pavilion  
**When:** Monday, July 11  
**Times:** From 10am, ram judging at 1.30pm. Food available from 11am

### 1 Participating Studs

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| Allala          | Karawatha   |
| Brenalta        | Mallee Hill |
| Brimanna        | Morley      |
| Calcookara      | Nantoura    |
| Collandra       | Pimbena     |
| Collandra North | Roemahkita  |
| Glenville       | White River |

## Reap the benefits of our top genetics

Welcome to the 2011 EP Merino and Poll Merino ram selling season, with about 250 rams on display at Wudinna and about 2000 rams at auctions and at private selection during the year.

On Monday, July 11, our association will be holding its annual Merino and Poll Merino Expo at Wudinna, following-on from the success of the last two years. Eyre Peninsula has become a very popular area to source top genetics from recent years. I am sure your sire requirements can be sourced from our member's studs.

With a top season experienced last year, the display of rams promises to be of very high standard. Given the uncertainty of gross margins of cropping, our dual-purpose EP Merinos and Poll Merinos have come to the forefront of profitability as they are early-maturing and produce heavy carcase and fleece.

I believe the future of our true dual-purpose Merino has never been better, with demand for wool increasing and prices for wether lambs and excess sheep at all-time highs. I would like to congratulate our members for their dedication to the Merino industry.

Results from the 2010 ram-selling season are on the board. As a sheep breeder, I would like to personally invite you to our annual expo at Wudinna, inspection days, and annual ram sales later in the year.

On behalf of the Association, I would like to acknowledge the generous support of our major sponsor Elders, gold sponsor Landmark and our silver and bronze sponsors.

I wish all members a successful ram selling season in 2011 in what I expect to be a successful year for all involved.

**Graeme Lawrie,**  
 President, EPSMBA.



## ALLALA

Allala's on-property sale will be held on Friday, July 29, at 2pm. The stud will offer 60 rams at auction and there will be rams available for private selection. Inspections can be made by appointment before the sale day. All rams are MN3 and brucellosis-free and are the offspring of Kelvale, Willemenup, Calookara and Leahcim 609, being large-frame, plain-body sheep with soft, long-staple wool.

## BRENALTA

Brenalta is situated 29 kilometres south west of Cummins on Eyre Peninsula. The stud was founded by Brenton and Kathy Paech in March, 1974, with 50 stud ewes and a stud ram from Pollville. Later infusions were Kelvale, Collinsville and Old Kelvale. In 2007 we bought a ram from Gunallo. Our aim is to breed easy-care, medium, soft white wools with large frames. Our on-property auction will be on Friday, August 12, with inspection from 9.30am.

## BRIMANNA

Brimanna is 23 kilometres North West of Yeelanna on the Eyre Peninsula. For the first time this year, they will be displaying at the South Australian Stud Merino Expo in Burra on March 22. They will also attend the Eyre Peninsula Poll Merino and Merino Expo 2011 in July. On display at these field days will be young rams for their on-property auction. These rams are showing great potential after a good spring and include Greenfields, Barton Hill and Kelvale bloodlines as well as sons of the stud's Champion Autumn Shorn

Ram. 2011 will also see Brimanna hold its 25th auction, an achievement the stud is proud of. Brimanna looks forward to catching up with you at the field days and on-property.

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## CALCOOKARA

With the national Merino sheep flock down to the lowest stock numbers since the early 1900s, the outlook for quality breeding ewes is set to remain high for a number of years. The national flock has fallen from 173,000,000 in 1990 to the vicinity of 60,000,000 today. With record sheep prices being broken consistently and wool prices the highest in 20 years, the long-term outlook for Merino sheep is positive. Calcookara places emphasis on quality wool, breeding exceptionally bright, long stapled, nourished 20 micron wool on long, plain-bodied, robust, dual-purpose sheep. Calcookara excelled by ranking 18 in the top 25 Merino super sires in Australia for DP 3.5, DP7, F10 + SS + WEC with Calcookara Garrett, one of the stud's original bare breech sires. Sons of Garrett have had a major impact on the Woolkabin stud in Western Australia. Surplus ewes from Calcookara were sent to the Minnipa Research station, with 70 per cent of them carrying the bare breech gene with score 1 to 3 and 100pc lambing at two years of age and cutting an average of 9.69 kilograms with 21.5µ wool. At the Turretfield Field Day, it was noted that Meat & Livestock Australia were asked by overseas meat lamb buyers if parents of the lambs have been mulsed, so it seems the mulsing debate is not over yet. Calcookara has decided to move its annual auction to the first Friday in September, slating its 2011 sale date for September 2.



complementary flock classing for those interested. The stud's recent sire purchases were from Collinville, Mernowie and Gunallo and these complement its proven and popular families well. Morley has also joined 140 ewes to Mernowie 'Escalator' this year through artificial insemination and looks forward to some good results. The stud will be displaying at the SA Stud Merino Field Days at Burra in March and EP Stud Merino Field Days at Wudinna. On-property auction will be on Friday, August 19, at 2pm with inspection from 11am. All enquiries are welcome.

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## NANTOURA

2011 marks the fourth year without mulesing for the Nantoura Poll Merino stud, a progress made with minimum change to management practices. All hoggets are classed visually for body and wool traits. In conjunction with this visual assessment, the stud uses Australian Standard Breeding Values from Sheep Genetics Australia to assist selection. Mulloorie has found the new early breech wrinkle breeding value of great use in producing sheep that do not require mulesing. The stud has also added to its flock with a selection of ewes purchased from Ridgway Advance and Seamour Poll Merino studs. Sires have been introduced from Leahcim Poll Merino stud which continue to produce quick-growing, plain-bodied sheep. Nantoura Poll Merino Stud will hold its on-property auction on September 22 at 2pm. It will have on offer 60 paddock-run, unmulesed, 15 to 18-month-old Poll Merino rams. The stud will also have rams on display at the EP Merino Expo at Wudinna in July.

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## PIMBENA

The Pimbena Poll Merino Stud will have 50 rams for sale on Thursday, July 28 at 1.30 pm. The stud's classer advisor is Bill Walker, Classings Ltd. Pimbena was founded on Nyowee and Pollville bloodlines in 1987. The stud's OJD status was at first and second vaccination, with 6 points. Inspection by appointment. Current sire in use at the stud are Leahcim, Calcookara, Pimbena/Calcookara, Pimbena/Leahcim 123, Ridgway Advance and Ramsgate. Breeding of the 2011 sale team has Leahcim 70016, Calcookara 50047, Pimbena/Leahcim 123 - 77559, Pimbena/Roemahkita 50668, Pimbena/Flairdale 77990. The stud is a member of Sheep Genetics Aust since 2003 using RAMS 130pc DP plus. Pimbena has 500 breeding ewes and cropping is spread on undulating sandy loam with sandhills and hard flats. The area has 300 millimetres of rainfall. Pimbena's selection criteria involves regular classing and weighing with micron testing, checking for wool weights each year, lambs mothered up with date of birth, single mating with 100pc plus lambing and selecting for twinning. All sheep are paddock run. The stud's

selection aims are for dual-purpose, fast growing, large frame sheep with soft handling, high eye muscle plus 2 in SGA deep crimp, long staple, 18-21 micron range, 16 coefficient of variation, 3 standard deviation and a comfort factor of 99pc. The stud has been breeding non-mulesing sheep since 2006 for bare breech. Pimbena will be attending the Stud Merino Field Day at Wudinna in July.

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## ROEMAHKITA

Roemahkita Poll Merino stud is a Collinville based daughter stud with infusions since the late 1990's from Wallaloo Park, Victoria, Leahcim and Kamora Park, SA, and more recently Nerstane, NSW, Mernowie and Seymour SA. We are located on the magnificent Lower Eyre Peninsula, 10km south of Cummins, in a reliable mixed farming district. We receive approximately 440mm of rain annually. We are 660km west of Adelaide and 60km north of Port Lincoln. Our stud classer is Bill Walker from Murray Bridge. The SRS® breeding system has been successfully integrated, with the stud's objective to produce large frame, highly fertile, early maturing, uncomplicated and easy-care sheep with, a strong constitution, that have soft handling, crimp, lustrous white wool of a medium to fine micron and a high comfort factor, the complete package of meat and fibre. Our results from the meat fibre class in the judging at the 2009 Royal Adelaide Show speak for themselves. Six of the top 10 place rams were sired by Roemahkita rams. Our rams have consistently tested well in to the 40's for EMD to a top of 48mm. In recent years we have successfully sold rams and semen to stud breeders and commercial clients in Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales and Western Australia. We are delighted with the positive feedback we are receiving from clients about the great breeding results they have experienced with our genetics. We have not mulesed any lambs born in 2008 or 2009. However we have decided to use clips on some lambs, after shearing in late August. We assessed each lamb for breech wrinkle, if they had any at all they were clipped, which resulted in about 40 per cent clipped in 2008, about 30pc clipped in 2009 and about 25pc clipped in 2010. In 2009 and 2010 we sold our rams at our on-property (to a top of \$3400, in 2009 and \$5000 in 2010), Hamilton (to a top of \$2800 in 2009 and \$4500 in 2010), Adelaide (to a top of \$12,000 in 2009 and \$5000 in 2010) and Murray Bridge (to a top of \$5750). We offer graded private selections in early August each year. A total clearance of all rams in 2010. The 6 sires of this year's sale rams are sired by WP Maximus, WP 780, Roemahkita 7224, Roemahkita 9017, Roemahkita 8365 and RA 199. All of these sires ooze size, meat, muscle and fibre. In 2011 we intend to display our rams at the SA Merino Field Days, Burra, Tuesday March 22, Eyre Peninsula Sheep Expo, Wudinna, Monday July 11, Bendigo Sheep Display, Friday July 15 to Monday July 18, annual inspection day at Roemahkita, Friday July 22 at 10.30am

to 4pm, on-property sale, Wednesday July 27, 2pm, Hamilton Sheepvention, Monday August 1 to Tuesday 2, Royal Adelaide Show Judging and Sale September 7-9 and Classings Classic Ram Sale Friday September 30. We continue to class rams and ewes stringently by assessing body structure, conformation and wool, using regular measurements to aid our selections. This now incorporates Sheep Genetics Australia's Merino select program which includes all fleece measurements, eye muscle, regular body weights, growth rates, breech and body wrinkle and estimated breeding values. We look forward to this ram selling season with a great deal of enthusiasm and confidence, and we invite your inspection. Our on-property inspection day is Friday, July 23 from 10.30am-4pm, with our 21st annual on-property ram sale to be held on Wednesday, July 27, inspection from 10.30am and the sale starting at 2pm. A light luncheon is provided.

## WHITE RIVER

To see repeat commercial breeders operate so strongly for White River Merino and Poll Merino rams at their 2010 annual on-property sale was an endorsement of how well the White River rams are working for clients. 173 rams sold for an average of \$1395, with strong bidding to the last animal. Commercial client success is the focus of the Daniell family and the great results clients are consistently achieving in wool, meat and off-shears markets is testament to the success of the White River breeding program. The Daniell family has an enormous belief in the Merino sheep industry and have backed their commitment with significant investments for the future generations they will produce. They are breeding more Poll Merino rams each year but will not compromise on quality with their Poll selections. 2011 will see the first progeny offered from Poll rams Leahcim 609 (\$24,500 in partnership), Roemahkita 8365 (\$12,000) and Moorundie Park M400 (\$6300) purchased in 2009. The stud also invested in three top Merino rams from Barloo, Western Australia, last year. These were the proven Barloo Dominator 2 (\$7000) and his top two sons at \$7200 and \$6600. 2010 was a successful year for White River in their limited show outings at Hay and Adelaide. White River 'Kaldoonera' 9778 was awarded the 2010 Riverina Wool Australian Champion Hogget Merino Ram title at the Hay Sheep Show in July in competition against the best from three states. In September, he was awarded the Magnus Supreme Champion Merino or Poll Merino ram or ewe title at the Adelaide Royal Show. It was the first time an autumn-shorn hogget ram had ever achieved this and it is the Daniell family's proudest moment in showing. In 2011, your chance to inspect and/or buy the next generation of paddock-reared, flock-improving White River rams will be SA Merino Field Days at Burra Oval on Tuesday, March 22; Eyre Peninsula Merino Sheep Breeders Pre-Sale Expo at Wudinna Oval on Monday, July 11; White River pre-sale inspection day; on-property sale at Poochera on Thursday, August 11 from 1 to 4pm; on-property sale on Tuesday, August 16, with 200 Merino and Poll Merino rams on offer.

## COLLANDRA

Founded on Collinsville bloodlines with infusions from a range of daughter studs from both South Australia and Western Australia, Collandra has continued to produce structurally sound, early-maturing sheep with large carcass and soft handling, pure, white, medium wool. The stud's emphasis is on an easy care, uncomplicated, high fertility animal without losing any of its valued traits. Collandra's recent purchase of a ram from Greenfields Merino and Poll Merino stud for \$10,000 will enhance its objectives. Measuring a micron of 19.9 and with a comfort factor of 99 per cent, the ram was the grand champion autumn wool at the 2009 Royal Adelaide Show. The first of his progeny will be on display at the EP Merino Sheepleaders Field Day at Wudinna. 2010 sale results: 40 rams aged 1 year and 5 months with an average 20.8 $\mu$ , 98.4pc CF and a body weight of 105.5 kilogram were of outstanding quality at its annual on-property sale which achieved an \$1141 average, \$300 above 2009. The top price of \$2000 was achieved three times. All maiden ewes are classed visually with the aid of wool tests before entering Collandra's breeding program. Collandra's paddock-reared rams will have current wool tests on the day of sale. Prior inspections are welcome. The Lawrie family's 32nd annual ram sale is on Tuesday, September 13, at 1.30pm.

## COLLANDRA NORTH

Over the past 33 years, Collandra North has been producing rams with large frames, high-yielding wool and an excellent constitution. In the past five years, the stud is also working hard on producing whiter, brighter, snappier wools. On August 18, Collandra North will offer 100 well-grown quality rams with heavy-cutting medium wool. These rams will be selected by stud consultant Tom Padbury and owners Sydney and Graeme Lawrie. Many years of selective breeding from Greenfields, Collinsville, Barton Hill and Collandra North ram genetics has given impressive results to the stud's commercial and stud clients across South Australia and New South Wales. The last sale team averaged 21 micron and 105 kilograms and at just 16 months of age, with total clearance at the on-property sale. Progeny from Hot Spot and Green 789 will be available in its 2011 sale and regional field days. Hot Spot was bought from Charinga stud in 2008 and has bred exceptionally well-grown rams with high quality wool. In the 2010 sale, 15 of his sons averaged \$2100 from only 40 ewes mated and a handful of private selection sold later. Green 789 has produced large, early-maturing ram lambs with magnificent wool and stretch. A new addition to Collandra North is Jonathon, selected for its outstanding size, correctness and high-yielding wool. A half share was purchased in June 2010 from East Bungaree for \$10,000. Opportunities to see Collandra North in 2011 will be at Burra Field Day, Tuesday, March 22; Wudinna EP Field

Day, July 11; Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show, July 15-17; Collandra Noth on-property sale, August 18.

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## GLENVILLE

Glenville's long-term confidence in the Merino industry has been justified by buoyant sheep and wool markets and a positive outlook for many years. With more than 30 years of Poll breeding behind them, a decision made a number of years ago to expand the Poll stud numbers was met with unprecedented demand. Plain bodies with good carcass length and carrying nourished, long-stapled, bright, crimped wool is the trademark of Glenville Merinos, making for an easy care sheep. In 2010, 36 bales of AAAM from mature stud ewes averaged 19.4 micron, topping at 891 cents. Glenville ewe hoggets cut eight bales of AAAM, testing at 17.4 $\mu$ . At last year's Royal Adelaide Show, a fleece from Glenville poll sire L-76 won the champion autumn shorn fleece, and the first of his progeny will be available this year. Glenville rams on display at Burra will consist of a number of sires used within the stud this year and some of them will be available for sale. At the stud's 48th auction, 140 rams were offered and sold averaging \$1499, with 110 Polls averaging \$1620 and 30 Merinos averaging \$1056. A total of eight sires were sold to studs in four states. The top Poll ram price of \$4000 was paid twice, one by Don Bailey and Secker Bros in partnership and the other by Wayne and Brendan Groves, Booleroo Centre. The top-priced Merino was sold to Oak Farms stud, South Australia, for \$2600. Eight new buyers created strong competition for the quality line-up. There were 28 rams sold at \$800 or less, providing top quality genetics at affordable prices. Glenville policy is to sell its top 140 rams on-property. The 49th on-property auction is on Tuesday, August 2, at 1.30pm with 140 paddock-run rams (110 Poll Merino and 30 Merino) holding current tests. Another group of 150 rams will be available for private selection. Client service is given importance, with free flock classing and ram delivery allowing the stud to keep up-to-date with requirements.

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## KARAWATHA PARK

Following another successful ram selling season in 2010, the stud looks forward to 2011 with excitement. The progeny from two top Poll sires bought from Wallaloo Park in 2009 are showing promise. Coupled with the infusion of Leahcim and Ridgway genetics, this has enhanced the Poll side of the stud to a point where 75 per cent of this year's sale team will be Poll rams. Another embryo transfer program and an extensive LAP artificial insemination program, using top genetics from across Australia, will improve the stud's quality. With clients achieving top prices at wool sales throughout the year, it is evidence of the quality genetics used. Stud

classer Bill Walker continues to strive for elite fibre on plain, free-skinned animals to help tackle the current mulesing issues and provide genetics for the future. The stud also uses the service of Paul Cousins for micron and pregnancy testing to help produce the complete package of high fertility and low micron. Given the strong support at the 2010 sale, the stud will once again offer 60 'top of the drop' Merino and Poll Merino rams at auction, with an increased number of flock rams available following the sale. Karawatha Park's on-property auction at Buckleboo, 40 kilometres north-west of Kimba, will be held on Friday, August 26, at 2 pm. The stud will participate at the Eyre Peninsula pre-sale expo in July. Prior inspections by appointment are welcome.

## MALLEE HILL

Mallee Hill Merino stud had its most successful sale last year with a top price of \$1700 twice and nearly a 100 per cent clearance. The two top-priced rams each had figures of 21.2 micron and 106-kilogram body weight and 21.4 $\mu$  and 116kg body weight. The stud's emphasis is on well-nourished white, crimped wool and big, plain bodies. The three-year flock average is 21 $\mu$ . Mallee Hill continued to perform at the Eyre Peninsula pre-sale ram expo, gaining fourth and seventh place in a long line-up presented. Rams for sale this year were sired by rams bought from White River (top-priced Poll), Ridgway Advance (Poll ram for \$5000) and Merino rams from White River, Bradfield and Mallee Hill. The stud continues to expand into Poll rams with the purchase of 100 Poll ewes from Roemahkita stud last year. This year, Mallee Hill will offer 40 Merino and Poll Merino rams for auction on-property near Ceduna. The sale is on Friday, August 19. Inspections are welcome at any time.

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## MORLEY

Easy care, highly productive sheep are Morley's major aims. The stud's ewes currently average 20 micron and cut 7.6 kilogram of greasy wool. Ewe hoggets averaged 18.4 $\mu$  and sale rams tested at 14 months of age just before sale averaged 19 $\mu$  and had 99.02 per cent comfort factor. Since its founding in 1970, Morley sold rams at the hogget age and consistently selected for early maturity. Rams are body-weighted at regular intervals to ensure continuity of this trait and have had average weight gains in the six weeks leading up to auction of 15 to 20kg. Individual objective measurements, including yields, are displayed on all sale rams as are estimated breeding values and sire rankings. The stud produces 300 ram lambs each year with 60 lining up for auction, ensuring high-quality selection. This also allows the stud to provide a quality group for private selection including spring drop rams later in the year. Paul Cousins fills the role of stud advisor and lines the rams up for Morley's on-property auction. Leonie and Alex provide