

## What, where, when

**What:** South East Merino Field Day  
**Where:** Keith Showground/On property  
**When:** Tuesday, July 26  
**Times:** From 9.30am, Ram Judging at 10.30am. Food available from 11am

### Participating Studs – On-property

- 1 Andoma
- 2 Ashrose/Glenstrae
- 3 Hamilton Run
- 4 Warrawee Park

### 5 Participating Studs – Keith Showground

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| Callowie     | Moorundie Park |
| Canowie      | Mulloorie      |
| Dalveen      | Ramsgate       |
| Flairdale    | Rice's Creek   |
| Gum Hill     | Ridgway        |
| Hilton Heath | Advance        |
| Kelvale      | Southrose      |
| Kiandra      | SWM            |
| Kongal Park  | The Snuggery   |
| Kyara        |                |

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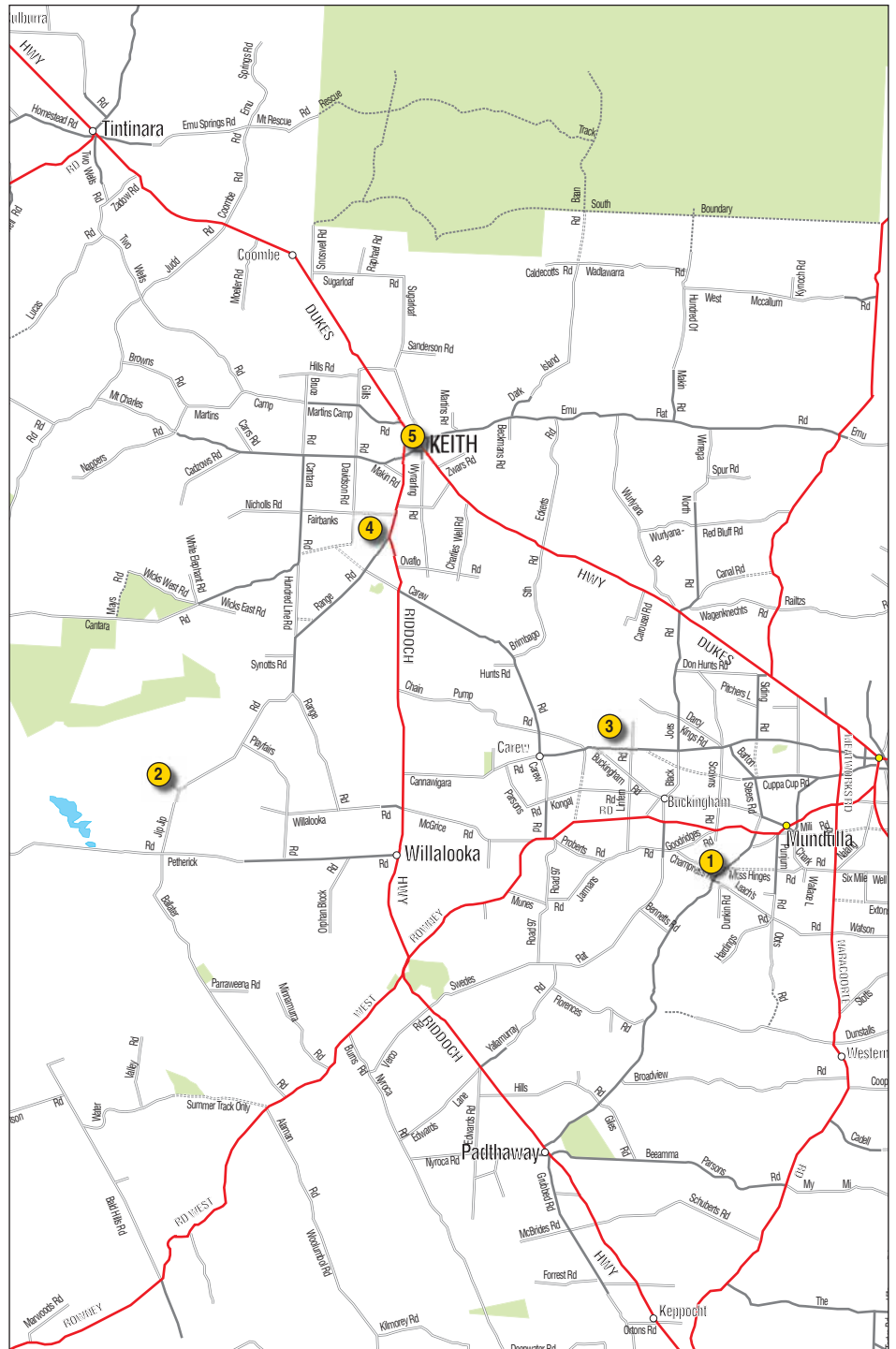
On behalf of the South East Stud Merino Breeders I would encourage all interested Merino sheep/wool industry people to visit our members during the 2011 field day.

As a group of breeders, the South East have been endeavouring to increase our presence throughout Australia by attending many various shows and field days.

The approach of presenting the South East sheep to all states has been vital to attracting more outside clients as well as those from our immediate area. The prices received for not only rams and wool, but also wether lambs and surplus ewes, have only highlighted the ever improving quality of our group of studs.

As president of the SESMBA I am sure the needs of any commercial producer can be sourced in the south east area. The field day provides a huge display of our region's sheep both on property and at the central Keith display.

**Matthew Fiebig,**  
**President, SESMBA.**



plain bodies that are easy to shear, producing high-yielding meat carcasses as a result. Ramsgate selects sheep carrying wools with low standard deviation and co-efficient of variation which ensure high comfort factors and no micron blowout in older sheep. To maintain fleece weight, the wools need to be highly aligned giving true staple density. The stud believes fertility is a key profit driver. Ramsgate's current policy is to cull from the stud flock any empty ewe at scanning or dry ewe at lamb marking. Ramsgate is accredited Brucellosis-free and OJD Status MN2. The stud had modest sale results in 2010 with its on-property sale achieving an affordable \$730 average. At the Classings Classic, it was pleasing to note that of the five rams sold, three went to registered studs. Derella Downs, Western Australia, bought WPM – 20 who after a seven-month wool growth cut 7.5 kilograms of 19.8-micron fibre with a staple length of 105 millimetre. Ramsgate looks forward to the 2011 ram selling season with progeny on offer from leading sires Wallaloo Park 'Maximus', Leahcim 'Buster' and Leahcim '187'. The stud welcomes your enquiries, inspection and comments. Ramsgate rams will be on display at the South East Merino Field Day at Keith on July 26 and at the Hamilton Sheepvention on August 1 and August 2 or rams may be viewed by appointment. Rams will be available for purchase at the Hamilton Sheepvention on August 2, at Ramsgate's annual on-property sale on Tuesday, August 9, at the Classings Classic on September 30, and by private selection by appointment.

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## RICE'S CREEK

Established in 1925, Rice's Creek is currently run by Jim Vandeleur and sons Kym, Ryan, Mark and James and their families. Rams are bred at Tintinara and Saddleworth properties. The stud aims to breed big-framed, early maturing sheep with productive wool-growing skins and plain bodies. Together with fleece tests, sheep are tested for growth rates and carcass traits to identify the most productive animals to suit current market conditions. 2010 saw Rices Creek hold its second on-property sale at Tintinara, with the average price increasing and a top price of \$3200 going to 'Springvale North' at Burra. Rices Creek again sold at the 2010 Classings Classic Sale and averaged \$4250 and also bought an exciting new sire, Glenlea Park 110. Private selections were very strong in

2010, with rams heading throughout the state and across the border. Current sires in use are Rices Creek, Leachim and Glenlea Park. Rams will be displayed in 2011 at Burra, South East and Hamilton field days. Rams on show will be sons of Rices Creek and Leachim sires. Rices Creek rams will be sold by private selection and by auction at Tintinara on August 4.

## RIDGWAY ADVANCE

David and Karen Ridgway, principals of the Ridgway Advance stud, have created a distinctive type of sheep displaying all the attributes of the 'Modern Merino'. These dual-purpose sheep portray a genuine balance in their production and performance, focusing on both wool and meat qualities, with high reproduction results. There has been no deviation in the direction the stud has taken for the past 15 years. Commitment to a long term stable breeding strategy and selecting for both meat and wool traits has seen the Advance sheep become an established recognised genetic line of Merinos renowned for their even, predictable breeding. An important aspect of the Advance Merino is their plain, supple and highly productive skin, allowing a thriving robust animal with great carcass attributes to produce a large quantity of elite soft wool. Ridgway Advance Merino and Poll Merino stud annual on-property ram sale will be held on Wednesday, August 10, at 1 pm at Senior property, Emu Flat Road, Bodertown with 200 auction rams.

## SOUTHROSE

Southrose Merino and Poll Merino stud was established in 1988 and continues to be run by Jim and Hillary Ashby, their oldest son Jono, and his wife Hazel. Located north of Tintinara, Southrose adheres to an overall breeding strategy that has consistently produced sheep that represent the finest examples of the breed. That strategy is complemented by a flexible approach that allows the stud to recognize and respond to changes in their clients' needs based on the market. A commitment to both artificial insemination and embryo transfer programs in recent years has allowed the stud to now offer clients the outstanding wool quality and volume that is synonymous with Southrose but on a bigger, plainer frame. Rams are available at Southrose's annual on-property sale on September 15 or by private selection.

## SWM MERINO

In 2010, SWM Merino Stud held its third 'Superior Wool Merinos' Ram Sale at Tintinara. The strong interest in the high-quality wools on typical South Australian frames was noticeable with 57 of the 70 rams offered cleared at sales and making an average of \$1330. Strong post-sale interest has resulted in 50 more rams being sold along with a number of ewe sales, capping off a solid sales program. The stud's breeding aims continue to be focused on producing good quality and quantity of wool on large plain-bodied sheep that thrive in all areas. Its large-scale AI program has continued this year, to allow the stud to produce top progeny in large numbers. With the wool market finishing 2010 on a strong note, prices for surplus sheep sales are at an all-time high. Demand for quality Merino rams and ewes looks set to continue in 2011, bringing those who have stuck with their Merino enterprise long-awaited financial gains. The use of Wallaloo Park, Glenlea Park, Leahcim and Glendemar genetics has allowed the stud to finetune its breeding program to unite high-quality wool genetics with high-quality carcass traits and create outstanding progeny with plain bodies. In 2011, SWM Merino plans to display its rams at the South East Field Day in July and the Sheepvention in Hamilton, Victoria in August. Private inspections by appointment are welcome. The stud will host its fourth annual on-property ram sale on September 21 and will also sell at Classings Classic Ram Sale at Murray Bridge on September 30.

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## THE SNUGGERY

The Snuggery Merino stud, situated 35 kilometres north of Kingston SE, was established on Collinsville bloodlines in 1941. The Snuggery Poll Merino stud was formed in 1985 with the purchase of a ram from Collinsville and 100 selected ewes from the stud's Merino flock. The Snuggery's objective is to continue to produce superior medium-wool, large-framed sheep with good constitution and conformation. The bright white, rich, heavy-cutting wool produced has won the Elders Supreme Clip in 2003 and was seven-time winner of the Elders Clip of the Sale from 1994 to 2005. Continued genetic development under the guidance of stud consultant Tom Padbury has included the use of sires and semen from Oakbank, Charinga, Banavie and Greenfields. The Snuggery's annual ram sale is on Thursday, September 22, at 2.30 pm.

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## KELVALE

The Kelvale Poll Merino stud was founded in 1966 by David Kellock who remains involved with his two sons, Greg and Stephen, and their families. Properties at Farrell Flat in the Mid North (south of Burra) along with a property at Keith in the South East run about 3,500 breeding ewes. Today, 800 stud ewes are mated to Kelvale-bred sires with a little outside influence through artificial insemination and embryo transfer. The main breeding objective of the stud is to improve the density, length and quality of the wool grown by a plain-bodied sheep. Breeding a highly productive animal with high growth rates and good muscle pattern produces faster-growing animals which excel in current markets. Deep crimping and bold, white wools are being grown with an aim to shear twice a year, cutting 5 kilograms of wool in each shearing. Kelvale has an average flock micron of 20.5 and aims to lower this to 19 in the next few years. A valuable tool employed at Kelvale is the sampling of skin to test the density and length of wool follicles. The stud is actively involved in the collection and use of data for the Sheep Genetics program and has found the information invaluable to evaluate and improve carcase traits. Maintaining and breeding for a plain-bodied sheep since 2005 has allowed the practice of mulesing to be gradually phased out. No lambs have been mulesed in the stud or commercial flocks since 2008. The stud has also increased its lambing percentage to be consistently over 100 per cent through breeding highly fertile replacement stud hoggetts. Kelvale's next aim is to mate the 7-month-old lambs to speed-up its generational progression. Throughout the year, Kelvale will display sheep and welcome an inspection and chat at any of the following events: Mid North Field Days, South East Field Days at Lucindale, Bendigo Show, South East Stud Merino Breeders Field Day at Keith and the Hamilton Sheepvention. Kelvale is prepared to look outside the square to breed a highly productive sheep that will thrive anywhere in Australia. Two annual on-property ram sales will be held, one at Keith on Friday, August 12, and the other at Farrell Flat on Wednesday, September 11, at 1pm.

• Details: [www.kelvalepollmerinos.com.au](http://www.kelvalepollmerinos.com.au), Stephen 08 8755 1761 or ask for Kelvale genetics at your local stock agent.

## KIANDRA

Kiandra Poll Merino stud was established on the Eyre Peninsula in 1985 and is now based at Bordertown. The 2010 season saw another successful Kiandra Poll Merino Stud ram sale with more rams on offer, higher clearance and new clients. The sale demonstrated a strong demand for Merinos, particularly non-mulesed and good doers, that Kiandra produces. A good sale at Murray Bridge Classings Classic reinforced ram quality. This year, rams will be offered by auction and private selection and feature progeny of Kiandra and introduced sires. They will include progeny of RA 20 and L 1160 – both tested 18 micron as adults, with low standard deviation and coefficient of variation – as well as high-growth sire L 312. For 2010 joinings, the stud selected some outstanding sires for growth and muscle which rank in the top 1 per cent for these traits on

ASBV measurements. Kiandra has been breeding rams for 26 years and concentrating on plain, free skin animals for 13 years. The stud believes it has the type of sheep suited to a versatile flock that enable buyers to capture the benefit of the meat and wool markets. The 2011 auction will be held on Thursday, August 4.

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## KONGAL PARK

Kongal Park has had some big changes in the past few years. Francis and Monica Andrews now have a plainer animal with a finer fibre wool without having to sacrifice on body size or wool-cutting ability. They also have a new sheep adviser in Stuart Hodgson who comes with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. The stud is optimistic about creating an animal suitable for modern production. This new approach is reflected in Kongal Park's 2010 mating patterns and its 2011 sale team – the stud used rams from Roemahkita and Wallaloo Park (OL306 by Maximus) and the plainer sire from Nyowee P-087 and Nyowee 41 are producing new, modern Merinos. Kongal Park has continued its success in the Adelaide wool show by getting reserve grand champion Merino ram's fleece – KP50 with rams in this year's sales teams as well. These new sire with current test can be seen at the SA Merino Field Days, Burra; South East Field Day, Karoonda; Hamilton Sheepvention, and Kongal Park's on-property ram sale on August 19. The stud will have 60 outstanding sire with current test and a large team of more than 150 rams for private selection. Inspections welcome anytime.

## KYARA

Kyara Poll Merino stud was established in 1999 with the foundation stock as 1700 Ashrose stud ewes of which the top 300 were selected. The stud's breeding objectives are to produce a sheep which will be profitable over all areas and under all conditions. To this end, no sheep, including lambs, are drenched or jetted at anytime. There is a balanced approach to wool and meat production when selecting sheep. Wool focus is on well-nourished white wool which is high yielding, has a low standard deviation and high comfort factor in the fine-medium to medium micron range. Meat traits are also a focus, with all rams scanned for carcase traits by Stockscan. When selecting breeding stock, emphasis is on well-muscled, deep rumps and long, deep and muscled bodies. Eye muscle area is also part of the selection process with huge gains in this trait in the last five years.

## MOORUNDIE PARK

Moorundie Park Poll Merino stud was founded by Eric Davidson and its rams are now sold to all mainland states. Moorundie Park sheep are noted for their large frames and free-growing white wool. A micron reduction program has been highly successful, allowing the stud to focus on other important attributes such as fertility, early maturity and easycare properties. Extensive

AI programs at both Moorundie Park and in carefully-selected outside sires are helping achieve these goals. The measure of the stud's success has been the excellent results achieved by its clients who consistently feature in all regional livestock markets, with some topping their market. Results at wool sales have been equally impressive. Rams are sold to all Merino-breeding areas in Australia by private treaty sales with about 30 rams reserved for the Adelaide Ram Sale in September.

## MULLOORIE

Mulloorie Merino Stud was founded on Orrie Cowie bloodlines while Mulloorie Poll Merino Stud was founded on Donara and Nyowee bloodlines. The purchase of a property at Tintinara in the Upper South East will enhance Mulloorie's breeding programs. The stud continues to use visual assessment along with additional measurement on ewes and rams to achieve low coefficient of variation and standard deviation with good comfort factors. Body structures, body weight and eye muscle measurements enhance the profitability of Mulloorie-blood sheep for clients requiring dual-purpose animals for today's market. Mulloorie's Expo displays at Burra on Tuesday, March 22 and at Keith on Tuesday, July 26 will reflect its breeding programs and enquiries are welcome. The stud's annual on-property auction will be held at Brinkworth on Monday, September 26 at 1pm and offer 30 Merino and 35 Poll Merino rams. 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.

## RAMSGATE

Ramsgate is a Tintinara-based Merino stud run by stud principals Craig and Jed Keller. Although Ramsgate is a relatively young stud that was founded in 1987 and registered in 2007, it is very optimistic about the Merino industry. The stud believes that with the world becoming more environmentally conscious, there will be an increased demand for its natural fibre if it can actively market itself to today's customer. With this in mind, and the mulesing issue, Ramsgate sees genetics as the best solution and continues to work towards a mules-free Merino. Its 2011 breeding program includes 500 ewes to artificial insemination and an embryo transfer program along with natural mating with genetics sourced from Wallaloo Park, Leahcim, Glenlea Park, Sohnic and Nineunook. Ramsgate is pleased to see the results of its strategy in combining these genetics using a corrective and complementary mating system in its endeavor to breed multi-purpose, low-maintenance Merinos. Ramsgate employs the services of stud classer and consultant Bill Walker. Its strategy is to produce wool that is white, silky soft, long, free growing and deep crimping with an adult micron of 20 on sheep that have large frames with long, deep,

Keith Oval

## CALLOWIE

Callowie principals Richard and Jacquie Halliday have been tirelessly working towards improving the quality of their Poll Merinos and increasing their stakes in the industry in general. They concentrate on the total sheep without compromising for short-term opportunistic gain. Given this method of functioning, progress is slow and recognition doesn't come quick but it ensures they have highly productive and reliable genetics that can be repeated in clients' flocks. Arguably, Callowie Poll Merinos can be described as some of the most under-valued in the State but 2010 saw them sell out of rams through increased demand. With the support of objective measurement data and the services of classer/consultant Paul Cousins, Callowie is producing sound structured, plain bodied and easy-doing sheep with a covering of soft handling, free growing wools - these have a low coefficient of variation and standard deviation figures in the productive and profitable 19.5 to 21 micron range. Richard Halliday has defined the stud's breeding objectives as "Conformation, Constitution, Covering, Carcase and Consistency". Excellence in these areas is the platform for the Callowie breeding program. Select infusions of top genetics are made when appropriate. A top Moorundie Park 110 son, recently purchased from Boonoke stud in New South Wales, was the stud's latest addition. An endorsement of the Callowie quality can be seen in their homebred sire "Pugsley" 7.227. This ram came through the open classes judging at the 2009 Adelaide Royal to be pipped on the post for champion medium/fine-woolled Poll Merino ram. He was then entered in the objective measurement class where he won by a margin of 18 points. He weighed 111.5 kilograms bare shorn, had a huge eye muscle of 48 millimetres, only 7.45mm of fat and he cut 15.5kg of long stapled and bright 19.7 micron wool. This fleece went on to become the supreme champion fleece of the 2010 Adelaide Royal Show. Pugsley's first progeny will be on offer this year. The sale rams are showing outstanding growth and potential despite a challenging spring for growing out lambs. Callowie will be displaying at several regional shows and field days including the Adelaide Royal and the South East Merino Field Day. The Hallidays welcome your inspection and enquiry. The Callowie on-property ram sale will be held on Monday, August 15 at 1pm. Inspections are from 11am or by appointment. Private spring sale selections are welcome from September to December.

## CANOWIE

Canowie is a medium-wool stud producing large-frame sheep with soft-handling wools for a range of pastoral and higher rainfall zones. New genetic sire lines will be on display at the South East Merino Field Day at Keith on Tuesday, July 26, and at Canowie's annual on-property ram sale on Thursday, July 28. Canowie continues to build on its reputation for big-frame, heavy-cutting sheep with bright, free-growing wools. Rams are available for private selection from June.

## DALVEEN

Dalveen Merino and Poll Merino studs will be holding their 41st annual ram sale at Woodchester on Friday, July 29, offering 100 April-May 2010 drop rams of Collinsville and Moorundie Park bloodlines. The stud is producing a plainer type Merino compared with the past line-up while maintaining the large frames and wool-producing traits the industry seeks. Dalveen has produced versatile, durable sheep for self-replacing Merino flocks and surplus ewes for prime lamb production. The stud now sells rams to the Adelaide Plains, Murray Bridge and Mallee, Keith and Upper South East, Mid North, pastoral areas of South Australia and Broken Hill. Inspection of its auction and private selection rams can be arranged. Dalveen will participate in the South East fields at Keith on Tuesday, July 26.

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## FLAIRDAL

Flairdale continues to breed plain-bodied, large-framed animals with long-stapled, free-growing wool which they consider to be the way of the future for the Merino industry. Flairdale rams for the 2011 season are showing great potential, with the progeny of the two Wallaloo Park sires bought in 2008 stamping a big influence. A new sire bought in 2010 from the Ganallo stud has all the traits Flairdale was looking for to take its breeding program into the future. The stud's on-property sale will be held on Thursday, August 18, at 1pm and include a light luncheon. Flairdale will be displaying at the South East Stud Merino Field Day. Wayne and Lindy invite your inspection.

## GUM HILL

Established in 1885, Gum Hill Merino stud has been through many economic and seasonal changes. The challenges thrown

up from these experiences have directed the type of Merino that the studmasters, over many years, have chosen to pursue. As one of only two surviving studs which began practising extensive measurement for economic factors from the mid-1950s onwards, the need for a profitable and productive animal has resulted in the stud producing plain-bodied, strong constitution, fertile, easycare animals that are performing for its clients under a range of commercial environments. Gum Hill believes the individual animal's all-round performance for fleece weight, body weight, micron, comfort factor, and fleece rot or flystrike is as important as pedigrees. Gum Hill is family owned and run - it has been with the Lines family since 1885. It covers properties at Mt Bryan in the Mid North and Keith in the South East, allowing for an increase and diversity in client requirements. Rams are bred at both properties and the top 60 per cent of the drop are offered for private selection during July and October. Gum Hill does not auction its rams as it believes each client needs a lot of time to make the correct breeding selection for their flocks. The stud has clients spread across Australia and its breeding flock can meet most commercial sheep breeders' requirements from the modern Merino. Gum Hill recently set up its website detailing all aspects of its business including when stock are available for sale.

• Details: [www.linesgumhill.com.au](http://www.linesgumhill.com.au)

## HILTON HEATH

Hilton Heath Merinos are bred on plain-bodied, long, white, soft and rich medium-wool sheep. Wanganella sires bred out of Charinga, Reggie and Junior families are used along with home-grown families. Poll Merinos are bred out of Moorundie Park, Nyowee and Poll Boonoke sires and PB0004 is breeding some of the richest, well nourished medium wools going around. Sons of Cojac and Garrett are being used to breed bare breech sheep and their sales have been positive. The dual-purpose qualities of Hilton Heath sheep continue to fit the needs of self-replacing Merino flocks and first-cross lamb growers. The rich Merino wool is bringing high wool prices to the auction floor. In 2011, Hilton Heath will be displaying at the Mundulla, Angaston and Mt Pleasant shows, Mid North, South East and Murray Mallee Field Days, Karoonda Farm Fair, Bendigo Sheep & Wool Show and at the Royal Adelaide Show. Ram sales start in August by private selection or through your preferred agent. The stud will have a sale team at the Adelaide Ram Sale. All rams have current tests available. Rams are sold throughout South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales including pastoral areas, high rainfall zones and graingrowing regions. Enquiries are welcome.



## On-property

### ANDOMA

Andoma Poll Merinos was established in 1983 with the objective of breeding large-framed predictable Poll Merinos carrying stylish white wool for its commercial flock. After 28 years, the objectives have not changed but focus is much sharper. With the use of annual visual classing, objective measurement and carefully selected genetics, the stud has made good progress in producing balanced animals with increased fertility, high growth weights and quality wool. Genetics from Glenville and Nyowee in recent years have assisted Andoma in achieving goals of large, structurally-sound frames with strong constitutions. An ET son of Maximus from Wallaloo Park and a ram from Glenlea Park were bought in 2010. These two rams, along with a couple of outstanding young homebred sires, have raised excitement about future breeding programs. The current five-year average micron for the Andoma wool clip is 20.5µ. At its annual auction in 2010, the stud sold 41 rams to a top of \$3100 twice, averaging \$1034, to regular local clients. These producers are achieving prices at the top end of wool sales, off shear sales and prime markets. A total clearance of all sale rams was achieved in 2010. With record-low sheep numbers and buoyant stock and wool prices, the future for Merino breeders looks promising. Andoma looks forward to seeing clients on-property at the South East Field Days. They will be offering 50 quality paddock-reared Poll Merino rams at its annual on-property auction on Tuesday, August 9, at 11am. These rams will have current tests available. Inspections or enquiries are welcome anytime.

### ASHROSE/GLENSTRAE

The renowned and productive Ashrose flock (founded in 1910) has an ideal balance of physical characteristics with large frames, sound conformation and strong constitution. They perform in a wide range of environmental conditions. The 2007 acquisition of this high-credential flock complements Glenstrae Pastoral's established Glenstrae stud flock which was initially set up to supply rams for the principal's large commercial Merino flock. White, medium wools with excellent staple length and crimp definition have been consistently developed and improved in both studs through sensible visual selection and objective testing. Glenstrae's breeding consultant Mr Tom Padbury is overseeing future Ashrose and Glenstrae breeding programs together with Glenstrae's

manager and studmaster Mr Bill Baade. Ashrose, with Glenstrae and The Darrivell stud, New South Wales, bought the Poll ram lamb Belka Valley "Roy" for \$10,000 in 2009. The ram has terrific structure, size and wool (19.4 micron, 2.7 standard deviation, 13.9 coefficient of variation and 100 per cent comfort factor) but the added attraction was his bare breech tendencies. This purchase addresses future needs within the industry while maintaining the integrity of the bloodlines. He is a grandson of the famous Ashrose Blueprint (Australian Ram of the Year in 2003) who features strongly in the background of the Ashrose sheep at Glenstrae. His first lambs at Glenstrae and Ashrose were on the ground in 2010. The first lambs of Charinga Pearler were also dropped in 2010 and look very impressive, adding to several other successful Charinga infusions in recent years. Private selection sale arrangements will be maintained for Ashrose clients as in the past given the history that the established client base prefers this method of sale. A ram selection day will be staged at Glenstrae's Braccadale property at Willalooka on Friday, September 16, with the Glenstrae stud's helmsman auction. There will be about 500 rams available for private sales on this day or on any other day by arrangement while 50 rams will be offered in the Glenstrae helmsman auction. Those who wish to select Ashrose and Glenstrae rams in 2011 and beyond can contact Bill Baade or Tom Padbury to arrange a suitable inspection time and/or attend the stud's main ram selection day.

### HAMILTON RUN

It is an exciting time for Hamilton Run principals Greg Andrews and Nicole Luckraft, having successfully completed the transition from Bolinda to the new Hamilton Run prefix and achieving many successes in their own right. They have established a northern sale for their Poll Merinos and Dohne Merinos as well as a historically successful sale at Mundulla. The stud had 45 new clients in 2010, a significant achievement for any business enterprise. The Jamestown base has seen sheep blossom in the warmer environment, demonstrating the capabilities of Hamilton Run genetics. Client feedback of successes in a wide range of environs such as south east Queensland, central New South Wales, the southern areas, Wimmera in Victoria and all areas of South Australia, support the versatility and adaptability of Hamilton Run sheep. Wool type selection is crucial in testing climatic conditions and Hamilton Run's highly waxed and low suint wools, enhanced with the Well Gully infusions, excelled in 2010. The stud's wool prices were positive at 866 cents a kilogram from their fine/medium ewes run on the inside country and 770c from their pastoral-

run ewes. But Greg and Nicole were most excited about the zero flystrike despite the humid spring which could have easily caused the problem. To assist repeat clients, Greg offers a complementary ewe classing service where he gives expert advice to clients. This role ensures Greg has a grasp of the needs of particular flocks and can recommend the best rams to suit their program. In 2011, over 200 rams will be offered at the northern and southern sales. The Mundulla sale will be held on the new date of Thursday, September 1. The Jamestown sale will be held on Friday, September 23. Graded private selection rams will be available from October.

### WARRAWEE PARK

Michael and Janet Allen and their family have always kept commercial focus on their paddock-reared Poll Merinos. They have a sound testing program with their own commercial flock and it is a major component of their overall property enterprise mix. This commercial focus ensures maximum total sheep profitability for not only their flock but for those of clients as well. Eye appeal of specially prepared sheep is one thing but it could be strongly argued that the Warrawee Park sheep are as productive and profitable as any in the State. A carefully-planned breeding program that includes fleece testing of all potential breeding rams and ewes has enabled Warrawee Park to achieve a steady reduction in flock microns to the current 20 to 21 without sacrificing the stud's renowned heavy fleece and body weights which continue to increase. Last year, their paddock-reared and presented 16-month-old sale rams averaged just 20µ on pre-sale wool testing and had high bodyweights, many in excess of 110 kilograms. The Allen family offers the top 60 per cent of their rams (80 to 100 in number) annually at their August on-property sale (Thursday, August 11, 2011). Top and average prices received another well-deserved lift last year as clients coming from different environs recognised productivity gains achievable, supplemented by competition from a few new buyers. Flock fertility is a focus at Warrawee Park with average lambing percentage of well over 100pc marked from all ewes mated (including maidens) for over a decade. This enables the Allen family and their clients to maintain real selection pressure and rapid genetic gain in all selection areas. The stud's off-shears sale of surplus ewes and wether lambs has been a highlight on the State sales calendar for a long time. A Warrawee Park record of \$226 a head was achieved last year for surplus young ewes, topping sales once again in the region. The stud and commercial flock is accredited Ovine Brucellosis free (Cert No 703) and carries MV3 status in the National Johnes Program (Cert No 5173).

