Dear sheep breeders & valued clients,

Last year was challenging given the ongoing COVID pandemic, but we would like to take this opportunity to express a huge thank you to all of you for your interest and support in 2020, as well as in previous years. Given the border restrictions and event cancellations, it was so fortunate that we were able to see many of you at the South East Field Day and/or at our on-property ram sale. This year we warmly invite you to our 48th annual on property ram auction:

Friday 6th August 2021 at 11am

Inspection from 8:30am - 220 Quality Poll Merino Rams

Watch for signs to turn from the main Karoonda/Loxton Road at Sandalwood

This year's sale team continue to display our optimal breeding objectives having long, well-muscled bodies with big, strong heads, long ears and long neck extension. They have white, long-stapled, crimpy wools that exude lustre and, importantly, have rich, loose and productive skins.

This year's sale rams were shorn with 6 months wool growth, averaging 68mm staple length. They were also scanned and weighed on the 1st of March at 10-11 months of age (shorn), with an average body weight of 85.5kgs and an average EMD of 38.9mm. We believe all rams should be scanned before they cut their teeth as the figures are more relevant with the wether lamb trade.

Sires of this year's sale team include Seymour Park 111, Seymour 23 (purchased for \$25,000), Kamora Park 333 (sold to North Cowie for \$18,000), Kamora Park 525 (sold to Senior Park for \$18,000), Kamora Park 461 (sold to Brimanna for \$14,000), Gunallo 295 (sold for \$60,000) and Willandra 447 (sold for \$51,000), Charinga 'Neil', Coromandel 419, Collinsville Imperial 20 and a number of our own high-performing sires classified as Boonoke Sons and Kamora Park Syndicate.

Over the last 5 years we have used artificial insemination (1000 ewes per year). This consistent program, combined with sourcing and utilising the best, high-performing sires that align with our breeding values, means that our ewe base continues to excel in meeting our desired wool, carcase and structural traits. Each year we also class our ewe hoggets at 50% to maintain the quality of our breeding ewes.

This year we were set to head to the Australian Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo and the South East Field Day in Keith, but these events were cancelled due to COVID. We hope that we can at least make an appearance at the Royal Adelaide Show in September, where we will also offer a few select rams in the Adelaide Ram Sale. Last year in Adelaide we sold 3 rams, averaging \$12,000. At this sale, we purchased Wallaloo Park 226 for \$76,000 with Seymour Park Stud, WA. His fibre and carcase traits are exceptional and his fertility and doing ability have proven to be impressive also. His progeny will be offered in our 2022 sale.

This year our on-property ram sale will be interfaced with AuctionsPlus and our scanning data and the current body weights of our rams will be released the week of the sale. We look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible on our sale day.

Kind regards Colin, Julie, Wade & Katelyn Boughen





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IMPORTANT DATES

On-property Ram Auction Friday 6th August 2021

Royal Adelaide Show Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th September 2021

Adelaide Ram Sale Friday 10th September 2021

