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IMPORTANT DATES

ASWS @ Bendigo

Friday 15th - Sunday 17th July 2022

South East Field Day @ Keith

Wednesday 20th July 2022

On-property Ram Auction Friday 5th August 2022

Royal Adelaide Show & Ram Sale Tuesday 6th - Friday 9th September 2022



Dear sheep breeders & valued clients,

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone for their interest and support in 2021, as well as in previous years. This year we warmly invite you to our 49th annual on property ram auction:

Friday 5th August 2022 at 12pm

Inspection from 9:00am - 220 Quality Poll Merino Rams

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

Please note the slight changes to our inspection time and our sale start time this year.

This was our fifth consecutive year of a very late break, with rain arriving in the first week of June again. Across these years, we have also had very little paddock feed which has been challenging, but our ewes have done a marvellous job rearing their lambs each year despite this.

We are delighted to present this year's sale team as they epitomize all of the traits we have been pursuing for many years in that they have excellent carcase attributes and elite wools (long staple, bright and crimpy). At 6 months wool growth, they averaged 7.6kgs fleece weight. They were scanned and weighed on the 18th of March at 10-11 months of age (shorn), with an average body weight of 84.7kgs and an average EMD of 38.4mm. 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 Wallaloo Park 226 (we purchased for \$76,000 with Seymour Park, WA) Kamora Park 333 (sold to North Cowie for \$18,000), Kamora Park 525 (sold to Senior Park for \$18,000), Gunallo 295 (sold for \$60,000), Gunallo 463 (sold for \$37,000) and Willandra 447 (sold for \$51,000), Coromandel 419 and a number of our own high-performing sires classified as 111 Sons, Gunallo Sons and KP Family.

Over the last 6 years we have used artificial insemination (1000 ewes per year). In this Al program, by sourcing and utilising the best, high-performing sires as well as our own quality Kamora Park sires, our breeding objectives are coming to fruition year after year. The average micron of our ewes is 19.0 while the average micron of our ewe hoggets is 18.3 with an average fleece weight of 8.0kgs at our annual August shearing.

Each year, along with Paul Cousins, we class our ewe hoggets at 50% to maintain the quality of our breeding ewes. For a number of years now, we have utlised Paul's expertise, particularly in that he sees a wide range of sheep across the country and he understands our breeding objectives and the direction and aim of our stud.

This year we are set to head to the Australian Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo, the South East Field Day in Keith and the Royal Adelaide Show in September. We will offer two select rams in the Adelaide Ram Sale.

Again, this year, our on-property ram sale will be interfaced with AuctionsPlus and our ASBVs, raw scanning data and current body weights of our rams will be available prior to the sale. We look forward to catching up with you at any of the upcoming events.

Kind regards Colin, Julie, Wade & Katelyn Boughen