

KAMORA PARK NEWSLETTER



July 2023

Celebrating 60 years of sheep breeding...

This year marks our 60th year of breeding Poll Merinos! This was started off by Colin's oldest brother Kerry Boughen in 1963 with stud ewes from Flairville Stud at Georgetown, owned by the Lehmann family. Sadly Kerry, passed away at 41 years of age from bowel cancer leaving behind his wife and five children.



Season break

This year was yet another year with a late break, with first rains arriving at the beginning of June. Our ewes raring lambs on dry feed has been very challenging. It just goes to show how underestimated the merino ewe is raring a lamb and cutting 7-9kg fleece in tough conditions.



This year's sale team

We will again be offering 220 Poll Merino rams at our on property auction. Sires of this year's sale team include:

- Moorundie Park 36 (we purchased for \$60,000)
- Moorundie 102 (we purchased for \$22,000)
- Wallaloo Park 226 (we purchased for \$76,000)
- Gunallo 295 (sold for \$60,000)
- Coromandel 419
- Ridgway Advance 100 (sold for \$10,000)
- Orrie Cowie 1189 (sold for \$40,000)

As well as a selection of our own high performing sires including our Gunallo Sons, KP 89, KP 525 (sold for \$18,000), KP 296, KP 238, KP 1545, KP 241.

From 2022, our sheep (including our rams) have been John's vaccinated and will continue to be from here on. Please be aware that it is rather common for these sheep to develop a lump at the site of this vaccination.

2022 sale success

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone for their interest and support in 2022, as well as in previous years. It was very pleasing to once again sell some of our on property rams to several prominent Poll Merino studs within SA that are chasing rich, lustrous, long-stapled crimped wools on our trademark Kamora Park carcasses. Last year at the Adelaide Ram Sale we also sold our two rams to SA studs—KP 115 to Mallee Hill Stud for \$22,000 and KP 233 to Minta Stud for \$18,000. Pleasingly, both rams have bred exceptionally well. It is our theory that to sell rams in Adelaide each year, we must offer two of the best rams we've bred to encourage studs to buy them and then we ourselves use them within our annual AI breeding program.



Annual breeding & classing

We continue to run an extensive annual AI breeding program by sourcing and utilising the best, high-performing sires we can find as well as utilising our own quality Kamora Park sires. Last year's program involved inseminating 1100 ewes over two big AI days.

Each year, along with Paul Cousins, we class our ewe hoggets at 50% to maintain the quality of our breeding ewes. We are very fortunate to have the services of Paul who always gives an honest appraisal whether we are selling rams or looking to purchase a new stud ram. We highly value his opinion and expertise and thoroughly enjoy working with him.



You're Invited...

Please join us for our 50th
annual ram auction!

Friday 4th August @ 12pm

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

Upcoming events

This year we will be taking a team of rams to the Australian Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo (July 14th-16th), the South East Field Day in Keith (July 19th) and the Royal Adelaide Show (September 5th-8th). We will offer another two select rams in the Adelaide Ram Sale.

Our on-property ram auction will again be run by the team at Nutrien and our rams will be lined up for inspection by 9:00am with the sale to start at 12:00pm. Again this year, we will have ASBVs available on sale day (and online) and current body weights. Our raw muscle scanning data will also be available and it is important to understand that this data was collected earlier in the year when our rams were 10-11 months of age. If anyone wishes to inspect our rams before auction day please contact us for this to be arranged. We look forward to seeing you at any of the upcoming events on our stud calendar.



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