

KAMORA PARK NEWSLETTER



July 2024

Tough season

With a huge part of South Australia, and a lot of Victoria, experiencing a dreadful start to the season with it being so dry for such an extended period, it has once again been extremely challenging this year. We continue to be in awe of the merino ewe and her capacity to rear lambs and cut 7-9kg fleece in less than optimal conditions year after year.



2024 sale team

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

- Kamora Park 233 (Sold to Minta Stud for \$18,000)
- Kamora Park 115 (Sold to Mallee Hill Stud for \$22,000)
- Kamora Park 17 (Sold to Millbrae Stud)
- Kamora Park 525 (Sold for \$18,000 to Senior Park)
- Gunallo 470
- Ridgway Advance 270 (We purchased for \$22,000)
- Ridgway Advance 1497 (We purchased for \$10,000)
- Kamora Park 'Willandra Sons'
- Kamora Park 'Gunallo 295 Sons'

Since 2022 our sheep, including our rams, are Johne's vaccinated and will continue to be. Please be aware that it is common for these sheep to develop a lump at the site of this vaccination.

2023 consistency & success

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone for their interest and support in 2023, as well as a great deal of ongoing support across previous years.

Pleasingly, our genetics continue to be pursued by many studs for the consistent carcase and wool attributes we produce in our sheep. Our top price on-property sale ram KP 270 went to Jaburee Stud, Wilmington, for \$15,000 and KP 97 sold in Adelaide to Woodoona Stud, Karoonda, for \$20,000.

At the Australian Sheep & Wool Show we had four of our rams in the top 10 across the All Purpose Championship. We also won the highest aggregate score in the Fibre Meat Plus class at the Royal Adelaide Show, which we have done six times now and won outright twice.



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 900 ewes over two AI days.

Each year, along with Paul Cousins, Cousins Merino Services, we class our ewe hoggets at 50% to maintain the quality of our breeding ewes. Paul gives an honest appraisal whether we are classing, selling rams or looking to purchase a new sire. We highly value his opinion and expertise and thoroughly enjoy working with him to achieve our breeding objectives.



You're warmly invited...

Please join us for our 51st annual ram auction!

Friday 2nd August @ 12pm

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

Important events in 2024

This year we'll be taking a team of rams to display at the Australian Sheep & Wool Show in Bendigo (19th-21st July). We will again display at the South East Field Day in Keith (24th July) and show our rams at the Royal Adelaide Show (3rd-6th September).

Our on-property auction will continue to be run by the team at Nutrien-inspection from 9:00am and sale start at 12:00pm. We will have ASBVs available on sale day (and online) as well as current body weights. Our muscle scanning data will also be available-recorded when our rams were 10-11 months of age.

If anyone wishes to inspect our rams before auction day please contact us, so this can be arranged. We look forward to seeing you at any of the upcoming events!



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