



BINDAWARRA MERINO STUD

"Profitable sheep for all areas"

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BINDAWARRA NEWS

Bindawarra ranks in Top 50 Merino Superior Sires

For those of you who value and use ASBV's, Bindawarra 400 is ranked very highly in the recently published Top 50 sires from 1989—2011 in the MerinoSelect Superior Sires Index.

Bindawarra 400 ranked third in the fibre production index, 9th in the Merino production index and 11th in the dual purpose index.



These ratings show that Bindawarra rams are exceptional when it comes to producing wool to fill bales and earn extra profits, but are also very useful for breeding for a range of operations including that for surplus sheep sales, another method of earning dollars for your pocket.

If you would like to see these indexes, the website is www.merinosuperiorsires.com.au.

We hope to have a number of 400 sons for sale next year following our AI program this joining. Rams for sale this year will include progeny from sons and grandsons of Bindawarra 400.

A YEAR OF BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Bindawarra Merino Stud will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. The stud was established in 1963 by Gordon Toland at Omeo with the assistance of Murray Elliott, who is still a strong supporter of the Bindawarra stud.

Gordon's sons, Murray & Phil Toland worked together to develop Bindawarra before Phil relocated to the North East to develop his Toland Merino Stud. Murray remained at Cobungra with Bindawarra for the next 20 years until it was purchased by the Harrison family in 2011 and relocated to Giffard West.

We are continuing the bloodlines developed by Murray and value his advice. The stud now consists of 1000 stud ewes.

Murray also celebrated a significant birthday this year with his family organizing a surprise 60th party recently. Many family and friends kept the secret intact as Murray was very surprised when he walked in the door.

Congratulations Murray!

Sale Rams 2013



Bindawarra rams in yards

This years sale rams have been weighed, shorn, and the fleeces weighed. Already some outstanding young rams have been identified, particularly from the Bindawarra 358 and 37 families, which are descendants of Bindawarra 400.

A limited number of poll rams will again be available for purchase this season.

Bindawarra Success at Local and State Shows

Steve and Megan entered a number of Bindawarra flock fleeces in the Sale, Yarram and Bairnsdale Agricultural Shows late last year. A number of fleeces scored very well to win major prizes, however a fleece from one of our commercial wethers was particularly successful winning champion fleece at all three shows. This follows a third place that Megan received at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show (Bendigo) and at the Melbourne Show.

Although not entered in a show, an outstanding flock ewe shorn at Christmas time produced a fleece of 10.5 kg.

A real “bale-filler”!



Dates to remember:

- *Open Day -
10th July 2013*
- *Hamilton Sheepvention -
6th August 2013*
- *Bairnsdale Ram Sale -
3rd September 2013*

Rams will also be on display at the Ovens Valley Wether Trial shearing in May, 2013.

Trial Results

At the recent GSBA wether trial held at the Bairnsdale Aerodrome, our commercial wethers performed well, taking home first place with an average cut of 7kg and an average micron of 17.5 with a yield of 84%. Again this year, our wethers cut 0.9kg heavier than the average and were 0.4 micron finer than the average.

On the same day, the Balmoral Sire Evaluation Trial was held. Although no official figures have been received yet, verbal reports indicate that the progeny of Bindawarra 358 have performed well in this trial to date.