



BINDAWARRA MERINO STUD

"Profitable sheep for all areas"

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Winter Update

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BINDAWARRA NEWS

Our Debut At Benalla

We had a lovely day at our first North East Merinos Sale at Benalla last August. We managed to bring home the sash for Best Wool Sale Ram (pictured right). We will be offering further rams from this sire at sales this year. We were thrilled to have new clients from the North East and central Victoria with a number of people informing us that they had used Bindawarra genetics previously and hope to again in the future.



Bindawarra Field Day—July 4th

Please find included with this newsletter the flyer for our annual Gippsland Merino Field Day to be held on Tuesday July 4th.

As with other years, we will have all our sale rams on display for your inspection, as well as the stud reserve sires that we will keep for future breeding. If you are unable to attend, but would like to know about the rams, please contact us and I will send you all the figures. This year, we have again tested the rams for fat depth and eye muscle depth so will also have these figures available.

At the Field Day, we will continue our practise of providing hot food and drinks all day for all visitors. The shed will be open from 10am until 4pm but if you need to come earlier or later, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

WOOL SALES

This year has been a wonderful opportunity for woolgrowers to sell their wool at high prices with the extra weight cut per hectare leading to better returns and then to improvements in general infrastructure and of course servicing debt. Growers need to maintain feed levels for their flock, to keep their wool cut at an optimal level to further take advantage of good prices for wool, sheep and wether lambs. Feed is the number one priority for all woolgrowers, regardless of the bloodline they are using.

Steve At Bendigo

Steve will be again performing steward duties at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show at Bendigo from July 14th. He has also decided to take two rams to show at this event, so if you are going, keep an eye out for him and say hello.



ELECTRONIC EARTAGS

We used EID in all our stud lambs last year so all 2017 sale rams have EID tags. We are finding it much easier to weigh rams and when collecting samples now that we have a stick reader. No more hurt fingers and much more efficient! We encourage you to apply for a grant for equipment if you want to use the technology on your own property.



2017 Sale Rams

The photo below shows some of this year's sale rams. They are growing well with good wool quality. Microns vary from 15.6 to 20.2. We have more poll rams on offer this year thanks to successful AI programs using Orrie Cowie and Willandra Desmond genetics. We purchased two Koole Vale rams and are extremely happy with their progeny. They have adapted to our conditions very well and this year's lambs show promise already.



Pictured below is our youngest daughter Brooke at last year's Bairnsdale Ram Sale with one of our poll rams.

Dates to remember:

- *Open Day* 4h July 2017
- *NE Merinos Sale (Benalla)* 15th August 2017
- *Gippsland Merinos Ram Sale (Bairnsdale)* 5th September 2017

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