

2014 Bundilla News

MERINOS THAT COUNT

Welcome to our 2014 Newsletter. We would like to thank all of our clients for their continued support in 2013 and we look forward to visiting you during the next couple of months.

BUNDILLA POLL ON PROPERTY RAM SALE...

160 hogget rams
averaged \$2017 to a
top of \$8,000.

2014 Events

- * **19th - 21st July**
Australian Sheep and Wool Show (Bendigo)
- * **4th September**
South West Slopes Stud Merino Field Day Galong
- * **17th September 10am**
Bundilla Open Day
- * **1st October**
Bundilla On Property Ram Sale



\$8,000 top priced ram purchased by Suzanne and Stanley Hall Monte Verde Merinos, Tenterden, WA with Rick & Ross Baldwin Bundilla Merinos.

Bundilla Poll Merinos Performing Across Australia

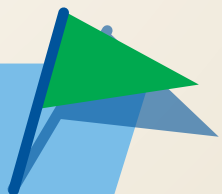
In 2013 Bundilla Merinos were purchased by clients from 6 states across Australia with 360 rams being sold from Longreach in Queensland, to Strawn in Tasmania, to Tenterden in WA, to Kangaroo Island in South Australia and to many long term clients across NSW and Victoria.

Breeding sheep at our mixed farming enterprise in the Young District (with a 26 inch rainfall spread throughout the year) is a very testing environment on sheep performance. A requirement for excellent conformation & high valued white wools is essential and are traits that are demanded across Australia.

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Bundilla Poll Breeding Program

Comments from

Jason Southwell

"It has been fantastic to see and be involved in the continued progress in the development of the Bundilla Poll. In June we classed up the ram yearlings and again I was excited by the depth of quality right through the 2013 drop. The effort the Baldwin family has put into the Bundilla Poll stud is having a huge impact on the profitability of their clients breeding programs. The genetic progress being achieved at Bundilla shows how balancing visual selection with the use of ASBVs can take the industry forward."



Jason Southwell
(Stud Advisor)

In 2006 we joined 2300 ewes (1200 studs and 1100 commercial ewes) at Bundilla and set the goal to vastly expand our merino enterprise with the main goal of maintaining production and quality within the flock. We aimed for a pure poll flock without losing the key attribute that makes the Bundilla Flock unique within the industry - "Bundilla's Fertility". After 9 years of ET work identifying the leading dams within the Bundilla Stud and collecting full pedigrees (since 1978) on up to 3700 lambs we have achieved this. In 2015 our 100% merino operation will include 6000 ewes (2300 stud ewes and 3700 commercial ewes).

Since 2009 all sires used within the stud have been poll. The move to full poll is now complete with all 500 rams for sale in 2014 being poll. This year we aim to lot 160-180 rams for the production sale with private selection rams graded from \$500 to \$800.



At Bundilla we are very proud of our merino enterprise with ewes cutting 7.8Kg of 18.9u across the board in 2013 with an average weaning rate of 143% to ewes joined (with single sire matings & including our AI & ET program). Fertility is such a major profit driver for our operation with over 3000 prime merino wether lambs to be finished in 2015. This allows the Bundilla merino flock to gross over \$200 per ewe joined.

Merino Wether lambs in 2014 have been finished on a combination of grain and wheat (Wedgetail) and canola grazing crops (Hyola 971 - pictured) with great success. 90% of the lambs were finished before 11mths of age to average \$118 per head plus \$24 of wool value.

Bundilla Poll - The Leading Maternal Merino

Our breeding strategy focused on a true dual-purpose merino that targets wool, prime lambs and the surplus ewe market.

Our genetic achievements;

- * Wool quality and cut per head, with an average adult 18.9 micron at a cut of 7.8kgs. We are increasing staple length as we select towards a plainer sheep.
- * While leading the way in levels of merino fertility with an average of 143% weaning over 15 years, we have set our next goal at 150% by 2020. Such fertility levels are a great profit driver, allowing for rapid genetic gain and a 90 per cent turnover of flock genetics every three years.
- * Selecting for worm resistance and resilience has been ongoing since 1993 and is complementary to reproduction traits with twinning ewes carrying 12% less worms compared to singles. Worm resistance enhances growth and wool production across the flock.
- * Continued emphasis on early high growth rates, muscle and fat while maintaining focus on improving wool returns per head is a major part of Bundilla's 38 years of breeding towards the Bundilla dual purpose merino.
- * Great importance is placed on sheep conformation and body structure, as improved growth and muscling is built into the flock.
- * The Bundilla Stud flock is run at a winter stocking rate of 14 DSE.
- * We will continue to benchmark the progress of our genetics through Sire Evaluation, Wether Trials, Sheep ASBVs and increasingly in the show ring.

Bundilla SS3 (120068) Wins NSW All Purpose Ram Lamb

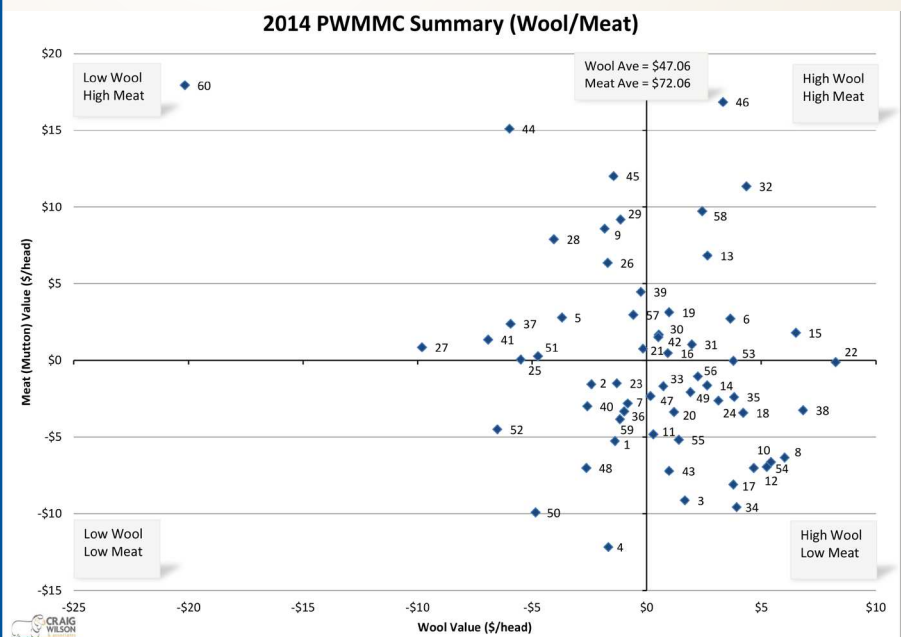
Last year Bundilla had a fantastic result at the South West Slopes Stud Merino Field day taking out the 2013 NSW All Purpose Ram Lamb which highlights the success we are having in combining visual assessment with increased production through the use of ASBVs. Bundilla SS3 was used through AI and joined naturally to over 200 ewes in 2014 and is a double carrier of the poll gene.



YWT	HWT	YEMD	YFAT	YCFW	YFD	YDCV	YSL	YSS	YWEC	NLW	MP+	DP+
5.6	6.9	0.4	-0.1	18.1	-1.2	-0.5	7.0	-0.2	-6.6	0%	139	141
76%	73%	49%	49%	71%	81%	71%	59%	55%	46%	33%	48%	46%

Bundilla Merino's have been performing extremely well again this year in wether trials. Jill Baldwin and her family Alan, Marie and Rick Mattiske Stockinbingal NSW entered 30 wethers in Australia's largest commercial genetic evaluation trial the Peter Westblade Memorial Merino Challenge (PWMMC) 2012-2014. The trial included 60 teams of merino wethers from NSW, SA, Vic and TAS. Each team was randomly split into two components, a Wool and Meat Challenge.

PWMMC 2012-2014 Wether Trial Results



The trial is now complete and the final shearing saw the Mattiske's Bundilla/Pooginook team (team 6) perform extremely well. The team had a total wool value from 2 shearings of \$101.43 per head or 12% higher than the wool return average, and a mutton value of \$74.78.

Overall the team was ranked 5th out of 60 teams - a fantastic result for Jill, Alan, Marie and Rick.

Sires Impacting the Bundilla Breeding Future

Bundilla TT1 (130032)

BUNDILLA TT1

TAG 130032

ET Born 17/7/2013

Joined at 6.5 Months

Sire Bundilla PP9
(100291)

Dam Bundilla 090117
(Sire Bundilla KK2)



BUNDILLA-130032

YWT	HWT	YEMD	YFAT	YCFW	YFD	YDCV	YSL	YSS	YWEC	NLW	MP+	DP+
11.4	12.6	1.1	0.4	21.7	-0.5	-1.7	9.3	1.8	-17.4	5%	158	170
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Bundilla TT1 has been a standout since a lamb with fantastic outlook, a faultless body confirmation and tremendous balance. TT1 was used to cover the ET Donor ewes in 2014 as well as some specially selected Stud ewes when he was 6.5 months of age.

At Bundilla we collect body weights every 100 days and since weaning (100 days) TT1 averaged 300 grams a day until being weighed at 300 days (93Kg) with no supplementary feeding.

TT1 combines structural correctness with high growth - he has the carcass we would like on all of our sheep.

TT1 Dam is a full sister of Bundilla MM5 who was used in the 2011 Yardstick Sire Evaluation with great success.



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