

2024 RAM SALE

WEDNESDAY
2ND OCTOBER

Bundilla On Property
Ram Sale
And online with
StockLive Elite at 1pm
Inspections from 8:30am



OPEN DAY FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

Inspections from 9am
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2024 Newsletter



Bundilla 2023 Sale Results

Our 38th Annual Sale of Bundilla Poll Merino Rams was an incredible result for our family, with 288 of 300 rams sold to average \$2584. The \$7000 top price was achieved twice with both rams sold to Stan & Suzanne Hall of Monte Verde, Tenterden WA. 69 registered buyers travelled from Longreach, Queensland across NSW and Victoria to South Australia & Western Australia.

Private Ram Sales were outstanding with over 350 Bundilla rams sold privately plus a large number of surplus ewe sales. We thank all of our clients for their support and look forward to contacting them in the coming weeks.

Bundilla on Property Ram Sale Wednesday 2nd October 2024



Our 2024 Production sale team currently consists of 474 Bundilla Poll Rams, with 500 private sale Poll Rams available post sale. We have completed all carcass testing and fleece testing for this group.

At our Open Day (Friday 20th September) we will display the 300 Production Sale Poll Rams, current Stud Sires & selected 2023 Drop Stud Reserve Sires.

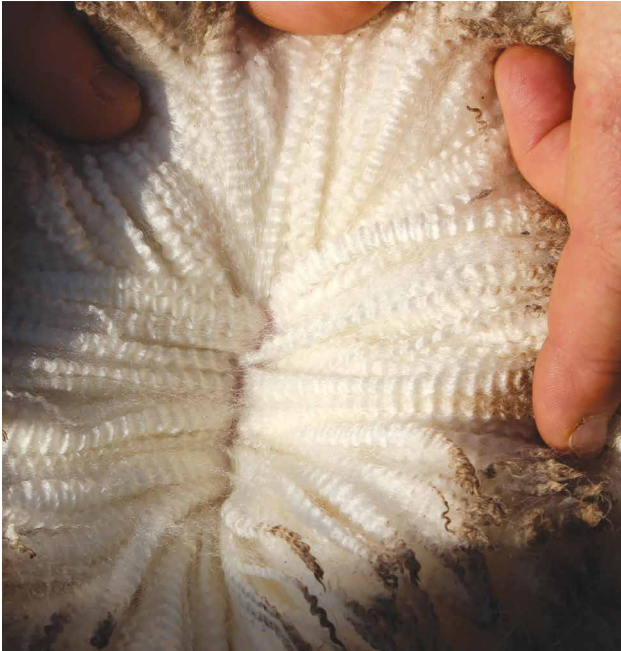
YCFW	YFD	YFDCV	YSL	PWWT	YWT	YFAT	YEMD	EBWR	WR	MWWT	7%DP	SM
26.6	-1.0	-0.8	10.8	8.2	10.3	0.3	1.4	-0.3	0.28	0.7	213	154

Sires Impacting our Future

Bundilla 231813

He is a standout for his drop, very balanced across all traits and a leader for the main profit driver's growth, wool cut and lambs weaned! In 2025 he will be joined through our Tops.

POLL	YCFW	YFD	YSL	YWT	YEMD	LS	ERA	WR	MWWT	EBWR	YFEC	LDAG	7%DP	SM
PP	42.3	0.36	11.9	12.85	0.46	0.28	0.01	0.32	0.76	-0.26	-11.8	-0.27	220.4	169



Bundilla 231726

The ram we have been looking for!
He is a trait leader for wool cut, weaning rate & WEC, and will be joined over our prime family in 2025.

POLL	YCFW	YFD	YSL	YWT	YEMD	LS	ERA	WR	MWWT	EBWR	YFEC	LDAG	7%DP	SM
PP	37.82	-0.84	16.49	8.2	1.68	0.21	0.06	0.34	0.77	-0.37	-69.53	-0.42	229.6	174.6



Improving Quantity and Quality of Lambs in the Bundilla Nucleus

Bundilla is recognized as Australia's Leading Maternal Merino with over 40 Years focus on improving the maternal performance of our dams.

Year on Year we have promoted to the industry that **Balance is Best!**

This means gradual gains across all traits has always been the focus at Bundilla. Identifying dams that consistently produce top performing twin progeny that visually get classed in to the top groups are a key to our success.

Identifying dams that are balanced across (LS) Litter size, (ERA) Ewe Rearing Ability & (MWWT) Maternal Weaning Weight is helping us refine and consolidate our position as Australia's Leading Maternal Merino.

Dam Performance the Key

The main job of a merino ram is to deliver the performance of that bloodlines maternal ewe base. I often get questioned on why we collect so much data on our sheep & how do we use the information we collect.

My first answer is we are trying to identify the most profitable dams within our flock and multiply their genetics through the flock. That is why ASBVs are so valuable to the industry, as they can place a value for the maternal, wool & carcass performance of a rams family background.

This can only happen through collecting long term full pedigree information on the dams performance within the Bundilla stud nucleus, and no one has been doing this as long as our family.

What YFat tells us at Bundilla

I keep having people asking me about 200 or 300 Day FAT and how it fits within our breeding program.

We have been muscle scanning our rams and ewes for over 27 Years and have developed an understanding of how it impacts our breeding program.

We have always concentrated on positive fat genetics but not extreme fat.

Extreme Fat tells me that a ewe or ram has not set themselves up properly for a life time of production either through carcass traits, reproduction or wool vale.

What we see is that once a ewe has reached its terminal adult weight and does not need the energy that it has required for the early period of its life it then starts laying fat down to benefit its reproduction cycle and this is very different to early life fat.

So in my opinion YFAT is important. You certainly want positive fat but extreme fat is a missed opportunity for a more profitable ewe across her life time, as we say...

"Balance is Best at Bundilla"

LambEx & Victoria Visits

In early August Jill and I had a great time travelling across Victoria visiting our Clients & then on to Adelaide to attend Lambex 2024 and back home via more clients.

The feedback from Clients was excellent and it was interesting that most industry issues discussed by clients were topics covered at this year's LambEx.

LambEx 2024 was organized by **Sheep Producers Australia (SPA)**. SPA is the national peak body representing sheep producers across Australia.

The event is designed to bring together industry stakeholders to discuss the latest advancements, share knowledge, and explore opportunities for growth and improvement in the sheep industry.

Areas of focus included **Genetic improvement, Sustainability, Technology and Innovation, Market Trends, and Animal Welfare.**

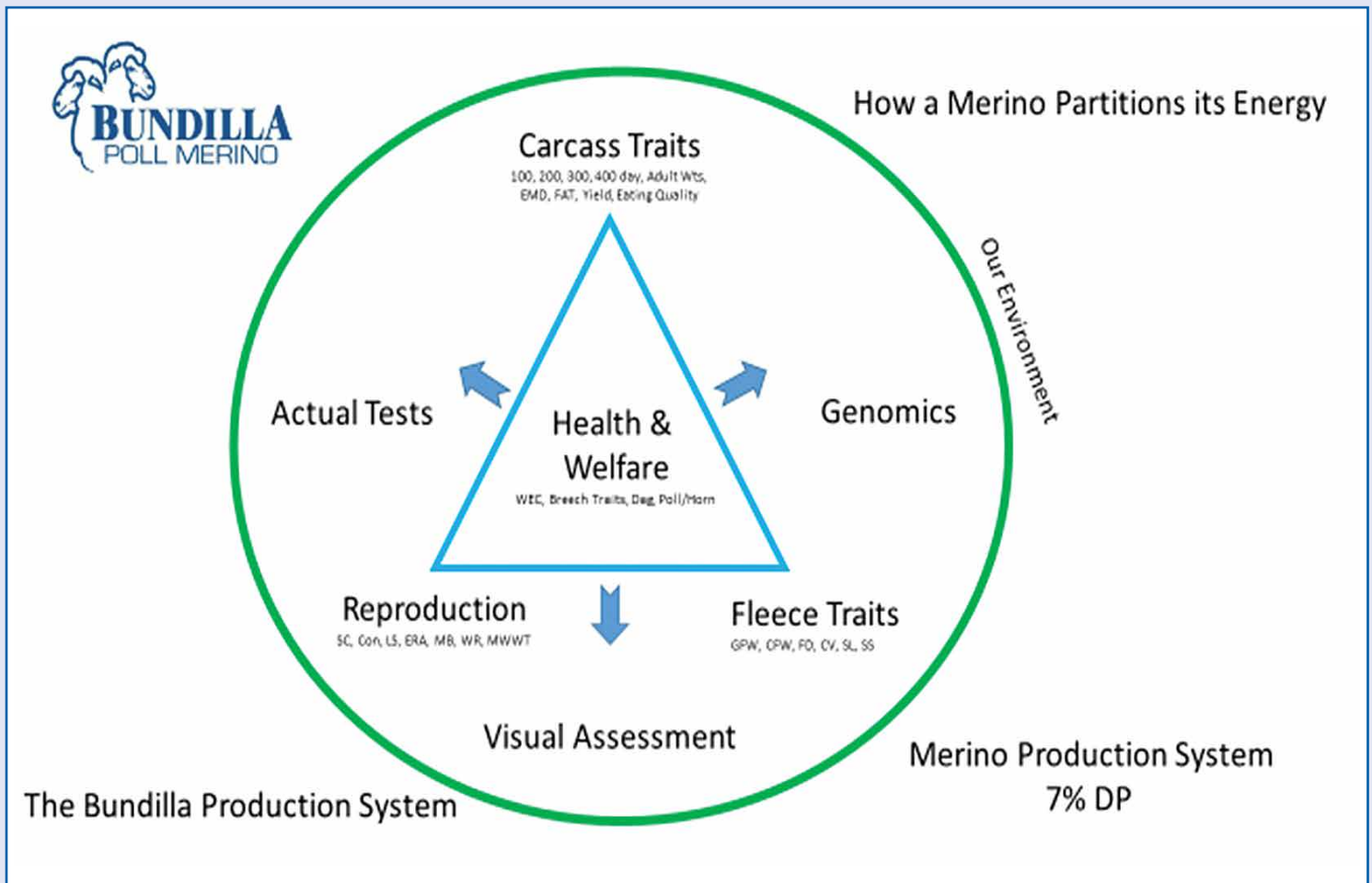
It was a great few days with Jill and I feeling very confident with the direction we have taken with the Bundilla Merino Genetics, and that it will help our clients navigate the next 10 years in the Australian sheep industry.



Jill & Rick Baldwin with Libby Tyrell (StockLive)

Health & Welfare in the Bundilla Breeding

One of the biggest limiting factors in merino breeding is the extremes of our environment that we aim to achieve genetic gain. From having 2 drought years in 2017 to 2019 to experiencing three 800mm plus years from 2020 to 2023. It does not get more difficult than that. Selecting for improved worm resistance, dag score and feet has been a major focus over this wet period and there has been some interesting observations in the process.



BALANCE is BEST at BUNDILLA

Over 40 year focus on High Fertility and a Dual Purpose Merino

- ✓ 44 years (since 1981) selecting for High Weaning Rates
- ✓ 142% Weaning average for over 30 years
- ✓ 37 years (since 1987) Body Weight recording
- ✓ 28 years (since 1996) Muscle Scanning
- ✓ 28 years (since 1996) Individual WEC Testing
- ✓ 31 years (since 1993) Fleece Testing
- ✓ High Emphasis on Visual Assessment