# On Property Ram Sale

Thursday 24th Sept 2020

Offering 60 specially selected
Horn and Poll rams

Inspection 10am, Sale 1pm

Open Day Friday 4th Sept 2020 10am - 4pm

Dubbo Ram Sale & Display

Tues & Wed 25th-26th Aug

### Lach River gets its impact

Lach River Merino Stud has been looking for another impact sire and Collinsville 180641 (named Gladiator) caught our eye at Hay Sheep Show 2019. He was put up for auction at Adelaide Ram Sale in August 2019 where he was purchased for \$72,500. The price tag shows how sought after the ram was.

Semen has been sold to NSW, VIC, SA, WA & New Zealand with almost 2,000 ewes joined to Gladiator. We performed an AI and the ET program plus natural joining to 400 ewes. With the lambs ready to wean they look very promising.



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# **Al Program**

With the purchase of Gladiator we took the opportunity to do a big ET program this year.

We sent 11 of our top stud ewes to LBS Jerilderie. A total of 128 eggs were collected and transplanted into surrogate ewes with pleasing results.

Thanks to Michelle Humphries and Michael Gregory of LBS.



#### 2019

Everyone was waiting for 2019 to end, with drought lingering on and bush fires burning (what a show). We purchased 1700 acres of flood irrigation at Condobolin in on the Lachlan River to grow our own fodder for stock. After shearing in March 2020 we sent 5,000 ewes away on agistment to Mungindi in Northern NSW.

They were brought home on 7th July with Lambs at foot since marked with a 95% marking good result in trying conditions (predators). I'd like to thank sons Brad and Chris who mustered 5,000 ewes and lambs on 20,000 acres and loaded 10 B double trucks in 4 days (THOMPSON'S TRANSPORT).





## **Ewe Comp 2020**

Lach River clients have had another good year in the competition, with Melrose Pastoral overall runner up.

They have entered the competition for three years, achieving runners up twice and overall winner once.

Leon, Margaret and Luke Casgrove flocks have come a long way in the competition with their maiden ewes, that last year cut up to 8kgs of wool.

#### **Show Results**

Due to Covid-19, nearly all shows have been cancelled this year.

Canberra CSSM went ahead before Covid hit, and we were extremely successful winning Grand Champion August Shorn Ewe and Grand Champion Medium Ram.

This ewe has since been flushed with four eggs collected and naturally joined with Gladiator.

#### 2020

2020 arrived and April brought rain, it appeared as though the drought was finally breaking, everyone was excited. The wool market was still strong, the lamb market was looking at \$10/kg, and the mutton market was at an all time high.

Then Covid-19 arrived and things changed overnight. Amazingly, the lamb and mutton markets have held their place, however wool has taken a slight downturn.

I remain optimistic that it will recover after Covid-19, and feel very lucky to be in the industry I am in.



#### Sale Results 2019

Sold 57 of 60 rams, average \$1,980 per head.

Top price ram sold for \$5,000 and purchased by Leon, Margaret and Luke Cosgrove.

#### **Raw Data**

This year we have started collecting raw data in our Stud with the assistance of Rick Power and Sally Martin.

Our young ram lambs shorn at 7 months cut an average of 7.9kg, top of 12.5kg.

All new season Ram lamb and ewe lambs have E tags fitted. We will be recording fleece weight, weaning weight, EMD and fat score.

This is another tool for our stud our main focus is still visual and hands on classing.



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Put it in your calendar!

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