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WINTER/SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER



Charlie holding the **2026 Sydney Royal Easter Show SUPREME MERINO EXHIBIT – MERRIGNEE “B2”** – alongside (left to right) Jono, Anna, Karina, Pip and Digby with Zoe and Toby in front holding his **GRAND CHAMPION FINE WOOL RAM** ribbon from Sydney Show. His fleece (inset) went on to win **SUPREME CHAMPION FLEECE** of the **2026 Rabobank National Merino Sheep Show AWN Fleece Competition**.



WELCOME TO OUR WINTER/SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

with information
about our Merrignee and Koonwarra
Merino and Poll Merino Studs as well
as Merrignee Poll Hereford Stud.

*Jono, Anna, Digby, Toby and Zoe,
along with Charlie and Pip*

Thank you to all buyers and under-bidders for your terrific support during 2025 at both our Koonwarra and Merrignee on-property ram sales, alongside very good support for both stud's flock rams sales.

It has been very pleasing to receive such good feedback on our stock and have new people coming to inspect at our open days and at the South West Slopes Stud Merino Breeders Field Day, held in Harden on the first Tuesday in September.

We really appreciate our loyal clients, many of whom have been with us since C.T. Merriman & Son commenced in 1990.

2026 SHOW SUCCESS

Both Koonwarra and Merrignee Merino and Poll Merino Studs have had a very good 12 months competing at the major Merino shows across New South Wales and Victoria during the 2026 season.

The first event of 2026 was **GREAT SOUTHERN SUPREME MERINO** (GSSM) at Bathurst Showground in February, where our studs picked up several ribbons, including:

KOONWARRA

- Grand Champion August Shorn Ram.
- Reserve Grand Champion August Shorn Ram.
- Junior Champion August Shorn Ram.
- Champion August Shorn Fine Ram.
- Champion August Shorn Fine/Medium Ram.
- Reserve Champion August Shorn Fine/Medium Ram.

MERRIGNEE

- Reserve Champion March Shorn Ram – MGN "B2".
- Champion March Shorn Superfine Ram.
- Reserve Champion March Shorn Fine Ram – MGN "B2".
- Champion March Shorn Superfine Ewe.
- Champion August Shorn Superfine Ram.

Our local **BOOROWA SHOW** was next up in the event calendar, where our studs claimed:

KOONWARRA

- Best August Shorn.

MERRIGNEE

- Supreme Merino Exhibit – MGN "B2".
- Supreme Poll Ewe.

We then headed to **SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW** in April, where our studs walked away with some very pleasing results, including the **Supreme Merino Exhibit** and the **Production Class** winner ribbon, both being awarded to **MGN "B2"** (son of "Brocky", the GSSM Supreme Exhibit in 2024) after several successes at shows earlier in 2026. Broad ribbons from Sydney included:

KOONWARRA

- Champion August Shorn Ram.
- Reserve Grand Champion Fine Ram.
- Champion Fine August Shorn Ram.
- Champion Fine/Medium August Shorn Ram.
- Reserve Champion Fine/Medium August Shorn Ram.

MERRIGNEE

- **Supreme Merino Exhibit – MGN "B2".**
- Supreme Merino Ram – MGN "B2".
- Grand Champion Fine Ram.
- Champion Fine March Shorn Ram.
- Reserve Champion Superfine August Shorn Ram.
- Reserve Grand Champion Superfine Ram.
- Reserve Champion Superfine March Shorn Ram.
- **Winner Production Class – Ram or Ewe – MGN "B2".**

July saw us head to Bendigo for **AUSTRALIAN SHEEP AND WOOL SHOW** for several broad ribbons, including:

KOONWARRA

- Reserve Grand Champion March Shorn Fine Ram.
- Champion March Shorn Fine Ram.

Jono headed to **HAMILTON SHEEPVENTION** in early August with display teams from both studs.

It was then onto Dubbo for the 2026 **RABOBANK NATIONAL MERINO SHEEP SHOW** with some pleasing results across sheep and fleece titles:

KOONWARRA

- Reserve Champion Fine August Shorn Ram.
- Reserve Champion Fine/Medium August Shorn Ram.
- Champion Fine August Shorn Poll Ram.

MERRIGNEE

- **Supreme Champion Fleece – MGN “B2”** (shorn at Sydney Show in April 2026).
- **Grand Champion Ram Fleece – MGN “B2”.**
- **Winner Housed Fine Ram Fleece – MGN “B2”.**
- Reserve Grand Champion Merino Fleece of the Show – GSSM 2026 Champion March Shorn Superfine Ram.
- Winner Housed Superfine Ram Fleece.
- Reserve Champion Superfine Ewe.
- Reserve Champion Superfine Ram.

Merrignee “B2” being awarded Supreme Merino Fleece was particularly pleasing as this win gave us three consecutive top fleece awards with Merrignee in 2026, Koonwarra in 2025 and Merrignee again in 2024. Being able to repeatedly produce top quality fleeces that are well received in the AWN Fleece Competition at Dubbo amongst the state’s top studs and wool producers is particularly pleasing.

Finishing off the 2026 event season was the **SOUTH WEST SLOPES STUD MERINO BREEDERS FIELD DAY**, with both studs taking display teams for the day.



MERRIGNEE FINE WOOL RAM “B2” being shorn by Josh Carmody during the **2026 Sydney Royal Easter Show PRODUCTION CLASS** which he **WON** with a 17.2kg total fleece weight at 16.5 microns, valued at \$329.94, and a body weight of 110kgs after being shorn.



At the **2026 Sydney Royal Easter Show** a March shorn ram from **MERRIGNEE** was awarded **GRAND CHAMPION FINE RAM** with the **KOONWARRA** August shorn ram in **RESERVE**.

KOONWARRA 2026 ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY MERINO RAM SALE

OPEN DAY Friday 18th September, 10am–4pm | **SALE** Wednesday 23rd September, 1pm auction, 10am inspections

MERRIGNEE 2026 ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY MERINO RAM SALE

OPEN DAY Friday 2nd October, 10am–4pm | **SALE** Friday 9th October, 1pm auction, 10am inspections



MERINO FLOCK RAM SALES

Commence mid-October by appointment | \$1000 (ex. GST) per ram

MERINO SEMEN SIRES

\$50 (ex. GST) per dose

CLASSING SERVICES

Jono and Charlie welcome the opportunity to **VISIT YOUR FARM** to discuss your Merino flock, understand your sheep and business aims as well as the topography and climate of your property.

MERINO HEALTH STATUS

BRUCELLOSIS FREE C.T. Merriman & Son’s accreditation 76342 (expires 30.11.28) | Vendor declared **FOOTROT FREE**

All lambs **GUDAIR VACCINATED** since 2002 | **TRISOLFEN** used at lamb marking since 2005



2025 ON-PROPERTY RAM SALES

Last year's selling season was pleasing for **KOONWARRA MERINO AND POLL MERINO STUD**. At the 48th annual on-property sale last September, 119 rams were offered with 94 sold to a top of \$6000 with an average of \$2587 (ex. GST). The top price went to Lot 8, by KWA Nerstane Poll 001, which tested 18.2 micron, 3.1 SD, 99.7% CF, 17.2 SpinF and 115.2% GFW. The next top priced ram, Lot 1, sired by KWA Nerstane Horn 008, sold for \$5000 and tested 17.4 micron, 2.3 SD, 99.8% CF, 16.0 SpinF and 105.4% GFW.

There was solid demand for **MERRIGNEE MERINO AND POLL MERINO STUD** stock at last October's 35th annual on-property ram sale. Of the 88 rams offered, 85 sold to a top of \$7000 and a second-top of \$6500, reached by two rams, with an average of \$2525 (ex. GST). Lot 3, sired by MGN "Brocky", was the top priced ram of the day, testing 18.5 micron, 2.7 SD, 14.6 CV and 99.7% CF, with Lot 63, a Poll Merino by MGN NP189, selling for the second top price and testing 16.9 micron, 2.4 SD, 14.2 CV and 99.8% CF.

UPCOMING 2026 ON-PROPERTY RAM SALES

This year's on-property open days and ram sales will follow their usual formats. Both Koonwarra and Merrignee studs with a preview day to be held in the week prior to each sale with all rams offered under cover at Little Range.

At **KOONWARRA'S 49th ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY RAM SALE** on Wednesday 23rd September 2026, **110 May/June 2025 drop rams**, shorn on 20th April and paddock raised as usual, will be offered. The on-property open day will be held on Friday 18th September from 10am to 4pm with all sale rams penned, plus some sires on display.

At **MERRIGNEE'S 36th ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY RAM SALE** on Friday



The top priced Koonwarra Poll Merino ram, Lot 8, sired by KWA Nerstane Poll 001, sold to Murra Pastoral, Young, for \$6000, while the top priced Merino ram, Lot 1, sired by KWA Nerstane Horn 008, went to Bidgee Creek, Middle Arm, through Schute Bell Badgery Lumby for \$5000 (exc. GST).

The top-priced Koonwarra Poll Merino and Merino sale rams pictured with (left to right) buyers Tim and Charlie Boyd, Murra Pastoral, Jono Merriman, Koonwarra, auctioneer Rick Power, Nutrien, Victor Coble, Koonwarra, Jack Finch, Schute Bell Badgery Lumby, and Rachel Pritchard, Elders.



The top priced Merrignee Merino ram, Lot 3, was a two-year-old sired by MGN "Brocky" 21-087 and bought by Ian and Ryan Greenwood, Macoolma, Bookham, for \$7000 (exc. GST), while the top priced Merrignee Poll Merino ram, Lot 63, was a 12-month-old ram by MGN NP189 purchased by Neil Williams, Ashburnia, Four Mile Creek, for \$6500 (exc. GST).

The top priced Merrignee Merino and Poll Merino sale rams are pictured above with (left to right) Aaron Seaman, Elders, Neil Williams, Ashburnia, Keith Coble and Jono Merriman, Merrignee, Ryan and Ian Greenwood, Macoolma, and Rick Power, Nutrien.

9th October 2026, **90 August/September 2025 drop rams**, shorn on 21st April and paddock raised as usual, will be offered. The on-property open day will be held on Friday 2nd October from 10am to 4pm with all sale rams penned, plus some sires on display.

We encourage clients to come to our open inspection days if you can, as there will be more time to look through the rams and an opportunity to discuss your needs in full with Jono and Charlie. If you are unable to attend these days and would like to inspect and/or purchase rams during the 2026 season, please contact Jono, Charlie or your agent/classer to arrange a private viewing, before either of our ram sales.



KOONWARRA'S UPCOMING 49th ANNUAL RAM SALE

WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2026
1PM AUCTION • INSPECTIONS FROM 10AM

The Koonwarra Merino and Poll Merino sheep have once again proven their genetic ability and performance at Little Range and for the stud's clients. The genetic strength of the stud's Merinos is evident in their high productivity with substantial well-structured quality wools and robust large framed, fertile maternal ewes that can handle a large range of environmental conditions.

The upcoming Koonwarra ram sale, on Wednesday 23rd September, will offer 110 young rams from the May/June 2025 drop. These white ear tagged sale rams are from our A.I. program and the single joining paddock program.

These April shorn young rams have been kept outdoors and in the environmental conditions that comes with living on our Little Range property. There will be a few selected young rams that were shorn in March for show tagging and will come from our show shed.

Our local shearing team had time to shear these ram weaner lambs in November 2025 and then again in April 2026. This has allowed us to go back to our original plan, enabling all our young rams to have an even start date for their wool clip and ensuring the GFW% information is more user friendly.

This year's Koonwarra sale rams were side sampled and body weighed on 6th August 2026 to provide current fleece information through Riverina Wool Testers in Wagga Wagga. Meat (width, depth and fat) and current body weight will be done close to the actual sale date, undertaken independently by Rick Power. All information will be displayed on the individual pen cards above each ram.

A.I. SIRES FOR THE 2025 KOONWARRA PROGRAM:

- **Merrignee "Brocky"** (sired by MGN Glenpaen "Patriot")
– Light Green tag: First year of a two-year program to introduce this genetic line into the Koonwarra stud.
- **Claypans 323 Poll** – Sky Blue tag: An older sire that has been used before in the Koonwarra stud, also part of a two-year plan.
- **KWA Nerstane 650 Poll** – Black tag: Had been a paddock sire for a few years and breed well so we gave him some of the top stud ewes.



Digby and Charlie with Koonwarra fleeces from, on the left, the **2025 Rabobank National Merino Show CHAMPION FINE RAM AUGUST SHORN** and, on the right, the **SUPREME CHAMPION FLEECE** of which judges said "was exceptional in style, crimp and overall quality" and "as good a fine wool ram fleece as I've ever seen".

- **KWA Nerstane 001 Poll** – Black tag: A great Koonwarra Poll sire we have used over a number of joinings and has been fundamental to the Koonwarra Poll program.

KOONWARRA Paddock JOINING SIRES FOR 2025:

FAMILY	SIRE	TAG COLOUR	GRAND SIRE
KWA Glenpaen Magic	23-172	Dark Green	KWA Glenpaen Horn 126
KWA Glenpaen Magic	126	Dark Green	KWA 186
KWA Nerstane Poll	001	Black	KWA Nerstane Poll 013
KWA Nerstane Poll	650	Black	Nerstane Poll 043
KWA Nerstane Poll	23-049	Black	KWA Nerstane Poll 001
KWA Nerstane Horn	22-136	Black	KWA Nerstane Horn 008
KWA Roseville Park Poll	22-191	Yellow	KWA Roseville Park 156
KWA Roseville Park Horn	22-142	Yellow	KWA Roseville Park 156
KWA Roseville Park Horn	22-194	Yellow	KWA Roseville Park 157
KWA Uniform Poll	23-301	Purple	KWA Uniform 077
KWA Rangeview Horn	050	Dark Red	Rangeview Poll 904
MGN Big Super 7S	002	Light Red	MGN Big Super

This group of 2025 drop rams have been an impressive wool group since coming through a tough May/June 2025 lambing. The winter of 2025 was one of the toughest seen in the district for some years. We were able to pick up the lambs and mothers' condition once lambing finished by moving them onto sown crops. We decided to once again to sow some summer fodder crops for the weaners, which really helped this age group to keep growing and turning into an impressive group of weaners.

We look forward to presenting these 2026 sale rams for inspection and sale.

2026 KOONWARRA SCANNING RESULTS

Koonwarra's success as a productive and profitable modern Merino enterprise reflects years of disciplined genetic selection. Through strict classing of weighing, fleece testing and scanning, our sheep are selected for wool quality, style, quantity and consistency, alongside sound structure, conformation, frame size and fertility. This has resulted in a flock that produces plenty of quality wool and meat, underpinned by a productive ewe base that carries these valuable traits over many years, providing resilience as farming enterprises and seasons continue to change.

KOONWARRA STUD EWES

December/January A.I. and six week paddock joining	Singles	Multiples	Drys
	40%	38%	22%

We had two single joining sires who become infertile after using them for fresh semen in the A.I. program, which was disappointing. This is the second year in a row we've had single joined stud sires become infertile during this December/January joining, resulting in a high number of dry stud ewes compared to the flock ewes. Plans are in place to rectify this issue.

KOONWARRA FLOCK EWES

December/January joining	Singles	Multiples	Drys
Maidens	55%	31%	13%
Aged	46%	48%	6%

Due to the tough May/June 2025 lambing we decide to use wethers as teasers for 14 days before joining and scan for early and late as well as singles, multiples and drys.

It was an interesting process with 79% of ewes lambing in the first four weeks and 21% in the last two weeks of the



Toby and Jono with Koonwarra's **CHAMPION FINE/MEDIUM AUGUST SHORN RAM** at the 2026 Sydney Royal Easter Show.

joining period. It meant we could move the 79% of the ewes that lambled in the first four weeks into better fodder as peak lactation was starting to impact the ewes and lambs (four weeks from first born lamb) instead of having to wait for the late 21% of the ewes to lamb down.

This change in management for the flock ewes assisted with lambs born to surviving rate improvements in this May/June lambing environment. We have found this a good tool to add to the scanning process.

2026 KOONWARRA MAIDEN EWES FLEECE TEST RESULTS

Taken at the March 2026 Koonwarra shearing.

Micron	18.3
Spinning Fineness (SpinF)	17.2
Standard Deviation (SD)	3.0
Coefficient of Variation (CV)	16.4
Comfort Factor (CF)	99.1
Greasy Fleece Weight (GFW)	7.3kgs*
Yield	70.9

*The maiden ewes were well grown for joining, but due to the tough 2025 Winter they were a bit behind in body weight than other years, which had an impact on the kilos per head. This occurred right across the Koonwarra ewe clip when shorn in March this year. Certainly the hard winter of 2025 had an impact.



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• WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2026 •

1PM AUCTION • 10AM INSPECTIONS

110 fine/medium and medium May/June 2025 drop
unhoused Merino and Poll Merino rams
inc. "Brocky" progeny + Magic, RP, Claypan and Nerstane families

Rams are individually penned for the open day and sale, along with a display of Koonwarra stud sires, both Merino and Poll Merino. All sale rams are unhoused and ready to adapt to clients' paddock environments.

All rams were side sampled in the first week August 2026 by Riverina Wool Testers and shorn on 6th April 2026 by Howard Horne's team (other than the March shorn rams that were tagged by NSW Stud Merino Breeders' Association).

All rams will have current fleece tests. Body weights will be done just prior to the open day as will the meat index figures. This ensures all information above each ram is current and accurate on sale day.

We welcome inspections of the Koonwarra Merino and Poll Merino young rams at our annual open day.

To arrange a private inspection prior to the sale, please contact Jono, Charlie or your agent/classer.

ON-PROPERTY OPEN DAY • FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER, 10am–4pm

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Charlie holding superfine wool August shorn Merino ram **MERRIGNEE "HARRY"**, **CHAMPION NSW RAM** of the **2025 National Sheep Show**, alongside **KOONWARRA'S SUPREME CHAMPION FLEECE** of the **2025 AWN Fleece Competition**, with its figures inset.



Jono with **KOONWARRA'S JUNIOR CHAMPION AUGUST SHORN RAM** of the **2026 GSSM**, Bathurst.



Digby, Zoe and Toby with the ribbons awarded to **MERRIGNEE "B2"** at the **2026 Sydney Royal Easter Show**.



Digby and Charlie inspecting the winning fleece of **MERRIGNEE "B2"** during the **2026 Sydney Royal Easter Show Production Class**.



Digby, Charlie and Toby with **KOONWARRA'S CHAMPION AUGUST SHORN RAM** at the **2026 Sydney Show**.



Charlie and Jono holding **MERRIGNEE'S CHAMPION MARCH SHORN SUPERFINE EWE** and **CHAMPION MARCH SHORN SUPERFINE RAM** at the **2026 GSSM**.



Jono holding **KOONWARRA'S GRAND CHAMPION AUGUST MERINO RAM** at the **2026 GSSM** alongside the event judges.



COMMENTS FROM CHARLIE

2026 has been a highly successful year for the Merrignee Merino and Poll Merino Stud with our fine wool ram "B2" becoming the Grand Champion Fine Wool Ram and then Supreme Merino Exhibit of the 2026 Sydney Royal Easter Show.

We had also entered "B2" in the Merino and Poll Merino Production Class at Sydney 2026 where all entrants are shorn on-site so fleeces can be judged for their weight, crimp patterns and style as well as their commercial value to the meat trade (live-weight (LWT), eye muscle area (EMA) and fat depth). Additionally, each ram/ewe are weighed bare shorn and undertake a visual assessment for their structure and physical shape. All this information is then collated to give points and dollar value to each sheep.

To our great satisfaction "B2" topped the Production Class, with a total fleece weight of 17.2kgs at 16.5 microns, yielding 73.9% and valued at \$329.94, and a shorn bodyweight of 110kgs, giving him a total score of 601 points, well above the next nearest Merino entity.

To have MGN "B2" be assessed by five judges to be the Supreme Merino Exhibit and then go on to win the Production Class by a large margin is a great thrill and reward. It also gives us great confidence that our genetic improvements over the many years are heading in a direction that will financially benefit to our stud and our clients' businesses.

MGN "B2" is a son of MGN "Brocky" who was the Supreme Exhibit at the 2024 GSSM at Bathurst. "Brocky" is from the MGN Glenpaen "Magic" family through a son of "Magic" called Glenpaen "Patriot". With another successful sire from our "Magic" family, we are confident that the overall financial bottom line potential of the Merrignee genetics will continue to build opportunity for ourselves and our clients.

Merrignee "B2" topped off his great year when his fleece won the Supreme Champion Fleece award at the recent 2026 Rabobank National Merino Sheep Show in Dubbo. His skirted fleece weighed 14.4kgs at 16.5 microns, receiving 95.5 points. Merrignee also showed the Reserve Grand Champion Merino Fleece at Dubbo, scoring 95.0 points with a fleece from a superfine ram who was Champion March Shorn Superfine Ram at the 2026 GSSM show and Reserve Grand Champion Superfine Ram at Sydney. Both fleeces achieved the maximum 30 points for fleece weight.



Charlie, alongside the **2026 Sydney Royal Easter Show** Merino judges, holding C.T. Merriman & Son's fine wool March shorn Merino ram **MERRIGNEE "B2"** who was awarded **SUPREME MERINO EXHIBIT**.

This year's AWN Fleece Competition win at Dubbo provides C.T. Merriman & Son with three consecutive Supreme Champion Fleece wins, with a Koonwarra fleece taking out the title 2025 and a Merrignee fleece in 2024. The consistency displayed here demonstrates the value Jono and I place on our wool types being at the top of the industry.

These successes have been slowly developing through our sire base of the last few years – MGN Big Super 7S, MGN Tank 189, MGN MS/MK Super 641, MGN "Brocky" 087, our 2025 NSW Ram of the Year MGN "Harry" by MS-164 and our Poll Sire MGN CH-204. Now our 2026 Sydney Supreme Exhibit MGN "B2" 23-109 has been added to these proven sires. All of these sires will have one-year-old rams in the Merrignee 2026 on-property ram sale on Friday 9th October and in the follow-up flock sales.

While we are very pleased with our above successes, the real heart of our stud genetics is the classed stud ewe base. Their high lambing percentages combined with good fleece weights, quality wool types and low microns add to Merrignee genetic improvements year-after-year, which influences our – and our clients – profitability.

The greasy wool market prices have been rising throughout the first part of 2026 and we believe they will continue on an upward trend for the latter part as well. These trends, along with the excellent mutton prices over the recent 12 months, provide plenty of reasons to be running the mighty Merino sheep!!

2026 MERRIGNEE SCANNING RESULTS

MERRIGNEE EWES			
Early March Joining – all single sire joined	Singles	Multiples	Drys
Stud Ewes (including maidens)	28%	42%	28%
Flock Ewes (including maidens)	36%	55%	9%

MERRIGNEE'S UPCOMING 36th ANNUAL RAM SALE

FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER 2026

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The 2026 ram sale will have genetics from all our leading sires mentioned earlier, with the "Brocky" family offering quite a few. There will also be some young rams by the 2026 Sydney Show Supreme Merino Exhibit "B2".

There is a larger selection of Poll Merino rams in the 2025 drop as we build up this part of our stud program and client offering. These are by our main Poll sire, CH-204 (A.I. program), and a son we have retained, MGN CH-226.

Other genetic families though the sale will be from "Big Super" 19-107 (A.I. program) and some of his two-tooth young sons, 075-F5, 074-F5 and 089-F5.

MERRIGNEE STUD'S A.I. AND PADDOCK JOINING SIRES FOR THE 2025 DROP SALE RAMS:

CODE	SIRE	FAMILY
7S + F5	MGN "Big Super" 19-107	Magic family
B1	MGN "Brocky" 21-087	Glenpaen Patriot family
MK/MS	MGN Super 21-641	MGN Super Magic family
DF	MGN "Tank" 21-189	MGN Langdene Supreme family
B2	MGN "B2" 23-109 – 2026 Sydney Supreme	MGN "Brocky" family
NP	MGN NP Poll 22-189 (over horned ewes)	MGN Nerstane family
F5	MGN "Big Super" 23-074	MGN Magic family
F5	MGN "Big Super" 23-075	MGN Magic family
F5	MGN "Big Super" 23-087	MGN Magic family
MS	MK/MS Super son 23-030	MGN Magic family
CH	MGN CH 19-204	MGN Coromandel Poll family

CH	MGN CH 23-226	MGN Coromandel Poll family
N	N 001	MGN Nerstane Poll family
PP	MGN PP 23-216	MGN Greys Hill NZ family

For the Merrignee 2026 joining we used all our main sires and families as well as two new sires through our A.I. program, including an Airlie Stud Merino ram which was the Supreme Merino Exhibit at both the 2025 Sydney Royal Easter Show and 2025 GSSM events. Exhibited as a superfine at Bathurst and in the fine wools at Sydney, we wanted to use him because of his great frame and structure for a 17 micron type. His lambs, while very young, just born, are very strong and stout types. We have also used a superfine Poll Merino ram from the Glenburnie Stud which we are confident will enhance our Poll Merino group.

MERRIGNEE 20-MONTH-OLD EWES FLEECE TEST RESULTS

Shorn in May each year.

Wool Type	Mic.	SD	CV	CF	GFW
2026 (Yield: 72%)					
Superfine	17.3	2.9	16.8	99.5	6.6
Fine	17.5	2.9	16.5	99.5	6.5
Fine/Medium	17.3	2.8	16.21	99.5	6.2
Poll	18.1	2.9	16.1	99.5	6.5
2025 (Yield: 72%)					
Superfine	17.5	2.9	16.4	99.5	6.0
Fine	17.6	2.8	15.8	99.5	5.9
Fine/Medium	18.2	2.9	16.1	99.4	5.7
Poll	17.7	2.8	15.9	99.5	5.7
2024 (Yield: 73.3%)					
Superfine	16.5	2.5	15.5	99.6	6.0
Fine	16.9	2.9	16.8	99.4	6.3
Fine/Medium	17.1	2.9	16.9	99.5	6.5
Poll	16.8	2.8	16.2	99.6	6.0
2023 (Yield: 72%)					
Superfine	17.2	2.9	16.7	99.5	6.5
Fine	17.3	3.0	17.0	99.5	7.0
Fine/Medium	17.2	2.7	15.9	99.6	6.9
Poll	17.9	2.8	15.7	99.6	6.0
2022 (Yield: 71.1%)					
Superfine	17.8	2.9	16.2	99.6	7.0
Fine	18.0	2.9	16.2	99.4	7.3
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MERRIGNEE POLL HEREFORD STUD

We continue to develop our Poll Hereford genetics by using A.I. programs to improve and enhance the frame and muscling in our stud cattle, while pushing for good weights and earlier finishers in our commercial herd. Our resident stud sire, Eathorpe S004, continues to back up our A.I. programs.

We have great confidence in our A.I. bull selections. In 2025 we used The Ranch Remington R028, who is a son of the very successful Koanui Techno 3062 NZ sire. These one-year-old progeny bulls are showing the traits we were hoping for, with great shaped bodies and muscling with soft skins. We look forward to being able to use these young bulls in our herd and to offer some to our beef clients.

In our upcoming 2026 joining, our A.I. program will be with Talumbi Undisputed TLB U006, who was the Grand Champion Bull at the 2025



Two of Merrignee Poll Hereford Stud's two-year-old bulls by our resident stud sire "EATHORPE S004" in the paddock at Little Range.

Sydney Royal Easter Show. This sire has tremendous muscle patterns with a low birth weight estimate of +1.0, a 600 day growth of +105, milk at +26 and an EMA of +7.9. With these collection of figures we look forward to the future.

This years' calves are progeny of our resident stud sire, Eathorpe S004, as are our two-year-old sale bulls. Eathorpe S004 progeny are always great types with traits of easy calving, high growth weights and plenty of milk showing through the females.

Please contact Jono or Charlie for a personal, on-property inspection of the 2-year-old bulls for sale this year.

2026/27 ON-PROPERTY POLL HEREFORD BULL SALES

2-year-old bulls | \$5,000 (ex. GST) per bull



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