# Hannaton Merinos

*Jonno & Edwina and Peter & Sally invite you to attend*

## Hannaton's 36th Annual On Property Ram Sale

# Monday 14th September 2020

## Offering 170 Rams

### 120 Poll Merino, 20 Merino and 30 White Suffolk Rams

## Inspection 10:30 am - Sale 1:00 pm

***Sale interfaced online with Auctions Plus***

AuctionsPlus

## Pre Sale Inspection Days

### Friday 28th August & Thursday 3rd September

For catalogue & sale details visit our website

**www.hannatonmerinos.com.au**

Surplus 1½ year old ewes on display at the sale to be offered on Auctions Plus, Tuesday 15th September.

**Online catalogue including MerinoSelect ASBVs available on the 20th of August**

Johnes Disease Monitored Neg3 (MN3), Gudair Vacc & Brucellosis Accredited

150 Private Selection Rams available after sale date by appointment.

Elders

**Selling Agents:** Elders
5% rebate for outside agents

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## What's New at Hannaton Merinos?

Greetings and welcome to our 2020 newsletter.

We hope this newsletter finds you and your family safe and well in what has been a bit of a crazy year so far. While the world off farm seems a bit upside down we have had a great past 12 months on the farm here at Hannaton. We have expanded our DNA testing for parentage and Genomics data, this year testing all our multiple scanning 2 and 3 year old ewes and their progeny.

We have had the biggest lambing ever with all stud ewes including maidens averaging over 125% lambs marked. We also joined our ewe lambs this year at 10 months of age in March for the first time and are very excited about their potential going forward. With record prices set for ewes and lambs pushed by re-stocker demand, it's a great time to have extra lambs on the ground.

Hannaton genetics have once again had a fantastic year commercially. We have loved hearing feedback about our clients success over the last 12 months. Our clients have topped off shear sales, topped wool sales, had their highest ever prices and weights over the hooks for wether lambs and recorded their highest ever lambing percentages. Such great results commercially for both wool and meat show the real value of a balanced breeding approach which is focussed on the bottom line.

To stay up to date with all the latest news at Hannaton go to our website www.hannaton.com.au or follow us on Facebook.

## 2019 On Property Ram Sale Report

Last year Hannaton celebrated 100 years as a registered stud with what was truly the sale of the century. We were so happy with the quality and evenness of the rams and it showed with the strong bidding throughout the sale. We increased our offering to give plenty of selection to buyers on the day and sold the most rams ever at our on property auction. The 112 rams sold averaged $2,276 a head.

The top-priced ram went to Glenera Pastoral for $4500. This ram showed the great depth of quality in the sale coming mid way through at Lot 77. He had fantastic balanced ASBV's with YCFW +28.2, YFD -1.1 , YWT +8.2 , YEMD +1.2 and a Merino Production (MP) index of 165.

Another real highlight on the day was the sale of the charity ram. Since 2004 we have drawn a lot number out of a hat prior to the sale and donated the proceeds to charity. Last year was lot number 57 selling for $4,250 - the second highest price in the sale with the funds donated to Fight MND. The ram went to long term clients K & C Johnson from Bordertown SA who were delighted with their purchase.

The strong on property sale was then followed up with another great year of private selection sales with over 100 rams sold after the sale. We ended up selling out of rams and apologise to anyone that was unable to purchase last year.

We have more rams available this year and are very excited about the depth of quality in both their visual traits and measured figures. If anyone requires more rams we recommend contacting us at your earliest opportunity after the on property sale to avoid disappointment.

## 2020 On Property Ram Sale

We couldn't be happier with how the 2020 sale team are looking.

We will once again increase numbers at the sale and we believe our depth this year is our best ever. Sale rams with both great measured and visual appeal by top Hannaton sires and leading industry sires Wallaloo Park 422, Moorundie NE73 and Leahcim 152775. The balance of wool cut and quality, along with our best ever growth rates, makes for an exciting line up of rams and plenty of options for our clients.

While we have to work within any COVID-19 restrictions, we will endeavour to provide our clients with all the help and support they need. If you have any questions or concerns about purchasing rams this year please don't hesitate to contact us or talk to your agent. For those wishing to avoid or unable to attend the sale we will have the sale live audio streaming on Auctions Plus.

Along with the catalogue data, there will be photos and a video of each ram individually catalogued for the sale.

## Pre Sale Ram Inspection Days

This year, to allow more people to view the rams, and allow for easier social distancing we will be having 2 pre-sale inspection days by appointment.

**Friday 28th August**
**Thursday 3rd of September**

Please phone Jonno or ask your agent to arrange a time slot to inspect the sale team.

## 2020 Ram Sale COVID-19 Regulations to Follow

In keeping with COVID-19 Guidelines our on property ram sale will go ahead on Monday the 14th of September using the following practices and restrictions:

**Attendance** - Unfortunately we will have to restrict attendance to only interested buyers and stock agents. If restrictions are eased we will welcome friends and visitors to attend as in previous years.

**Attendance Register** - All those attending will be required to fill out an attendance register.

**Hygiene** - We ask those in attendance to adhere to proper social distancing and hygiene practices. There will be plenty of hand sanitiser and soap and water available at the sale.

**Catering** - Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we will not have our normal catering with no self service food. We will have pre-packaged food and drinks available around the sale.

**Auction** - The sale will operate as an open cry auction as in previous years. It will also be live streamed simultaneously on Auctions Plus. If you are considering bidding online it is recommended you familiarise yourself with this method prior to the auction or ask your agent to help you with this.

**Delivery** - For rams purchased on Auctions Plus or not able to be picked up on the day we will arrange delivery at the purchasers convenience up to 2 weeks after the sale.

If you are feeling unwell or showing any cold and flu symptoms we ask that you please stay home. We appreciate everyone's cooperation under these challenging circumstances.

## Hamilton Sheepvention 2020

Sadly, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Sheepvention ram sale will be only online and we decided not to participate and offer any rams.

This is a decision we have not made lightly as we were the longest continual vendors at that sale.

The rams earmarked for Hamilton will instead kick off our on property sale on Monday the 14th of September.

We believe this will give our clients the best opportunity to inspect all our 2020 sale rams and buy the top of the drop in one place.

***Pictured: Our 2020 top of the drop rams to be lots 1 to 5 at the on property sale.***

## Exciting New Sire Purchase - Leachim 182249 (Lucky)

Last September we travelled to Snowtown SA to have a look at the Leahcim on property sale line up.

We have previously used semen from the stud with success and fell in love with lot 13 in their sale, lucky for us. Such a well balanced ram with fantastic visual and measured traits. Great bone and shape with a super long staple and bold wool. This combined with his outstanding ASBVs for growth, fat, and muscle as well as wool cut and staple length. He is also a trait leader for reducing breech wrinkle and reduces breech cover. He really ticked all the boxes!!

We purchased him for equal top price in the sale. We joined him individually in December in our main joining and loved him so much we used him again in March over our ewe lambs.

We have just marked 99 lambs from the December joining from 73 ewes (136%) and already love their shape.

Leahcim retained semen to use themselves and we have semen available for $50 a dose.

***Pictured: Landmark Auctioneer Richard Miller and Alastair Michael from Leahcim holding our top price ram at their 2019 sale and a picture of his stylish wool on sale day.***

| Animal ID | PWT | YWT | AWT | YEMD | YFAT | YCFW | ACFW | YFD | YSL | EBWR | EBCOV |
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| LEAHCIM POLL-182249 | 6.5 | 8.9 | 6.7 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 27.9 | 20.7 | 0.2 | 17.9 | -1 | -0.4 |
| | 77% | 76% | 75% | 72% | 69% | 75% | 75% | 83% | 78% | 73% | 70% |

Run Date 21/06/2020 | 20% | 10% | 5% | 1%

## Joining Ewe Lambs

We have always been renowned for our wool cut and quality but in recent years we have had a real focus on increasing Post Weaning Weight (PWT) and fat cover in our sheep with the end goal of joining ewe lambs.

This year we decided to join our entire 2019 drop at 10 months of age in a short 4 week joining and are really excited to see that vision coming to fruition.

The potential for a lot of extra lambs and increased returns are something we will be pushing for moving forward. From our 2019 drop ewe lambs we have retained 385 in the stud.

From their scanning results 204 were scanned in lamb as singles, 71 as twins and 110 dry. This equates to 71% conception rate, and 90% lambs. The potential for another 346 lambs this year from those 385 ewes combined with the increased rate of genetic gain is very exciting.

All these ewes were joined as a syndicate mating so they stayed in one management group to collect their Merinoselect ASBV data. The progeny will all be DNA tested to work out parentage of both Dam and Sire.

***Pictured: Ewe weaners off shears in July split into small lambing groups to lamb down in August***

## Woolshed Renovations

This year we have been busy giving our shearing shed a much needed facelift. With our old shed and flooring looking a bit worse for wear we decided to renovate and put in a raised board and change the shed layout a little to make working in the shed easier and more efficient. Bringing our ewe weaner shearing forward this year to June meant we had a very short deadline to finish but the job was done just in time and we couldn't be happier with the results.

## Genomics DNA Testing at Hannaton

One of the exciting new tools we are using more and more in the stud is DNA and Genomics testing.

We have been Genomics testing sires since 2013 and increased those numbers with top sale rams and elite ewes being tested in the last couple of years.

This year we have made a large investment in lifting our numbers by testing 230 of our twin bearing young ewes and all of our ewe lambs that were scanned in lamb. We will test all their progeny to provide us with 100% accurate parentage, Horn/Poll status and DNA markers for 20 different traits. This equates to an investment of over $30,000 in DNA testing this year alone. This exciting tool not only allows us to better manage and mother up our twin bearing ewes, it will help to increase the accuracy of ASBVs and help us and our clients make more informed breeding decisions.

***Pictured: The Tissue Sampling Unit (TSU) that we use to take a sample from the ear of each animal.***

## Hannaton Clients go Back to Back and Top Bordertown Off Shear Sale in 2019

We are always delighted to see our genetics in demand and performing well commercially.

Long time Hannaton client Gary Lock topped the Bordertown sale for the second year running with his surplus young ewes selling at $272. Gary has always purchased rams from the top end of our sale and his commitment to his sheep and genetics is a credit to him.

Hannaton clients KR & CA Johnson were also in the top pens on the day selling young ewes for $246.

Congratulations to both clients on these fantastic results.

***Pictured: Elders Bordertown livestock agent Wade Broadstock with Hannaton client Gary Lock and Elders Bordertown Brenton Henriks with the sale topping pen.***

## Lambing Percentages Continue to Rise

A real focus of our breeding program for the last 15 years has been on lifting lambing percentages.

We have been increasing our growth rates, targeting post weaning weights and yearling weights to aim for better maiden ewe joining. This early growth has allowed us to join ewe lambs at 10 months of age this year. We have been focussed on staple length rather than skin density to maintain and increase our wool cuts on a plainer, better doing and more fertile animal. Increasing our staple length has also allowed for 6 monthly shearing and easier ewe management, especially lambing 6 weeks off shears so ewes will seek shelter on cold days with their lambs.

We have also been selecting for twin lambing ewes, sires raised as twins and culling ewes that don't scan in lamb. This years stud lambing shows the improvements we have made and the potential extra earnings from increased lambing percentages.

From 1137 stud ewes scanned in lamb we have marked 1,430 lambs. This equates to just over 125% lambs marked from all stud ewes, including maidens that make up over 25% of the flock.

One of the most pleasing things to notice with this years marking was how well our ewes are now looking after twins and triplets.

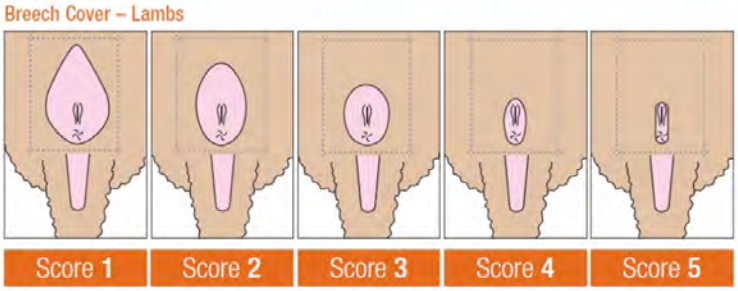
***Pictured: Maiden ewes and lambs after marking in July***

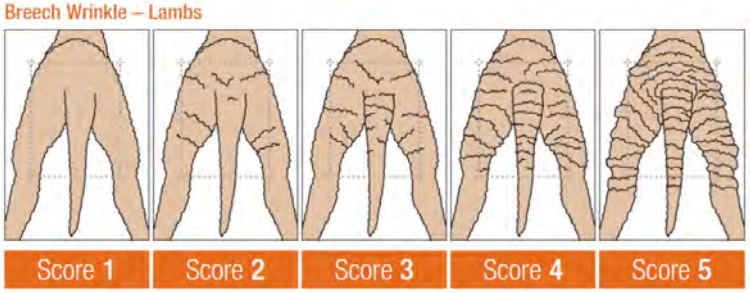
## 2020 Breech Wrinkle and Cover Scoring

This year we have recorded breech wrinkle and cover scores on all lambs at marking. Animals in the cradle are scored from 1 to 5 for both cover, the amount of bare skin around the breech, and for wrinkle.

We are keen to identify and record animals that can have low wrinkle and cover for easier care and potential non mulesing moving forward.

We are well aware of the interest from both our ram clients and wool consumers for the demand for non-mulsed wool and want to provide our clients with as much information as they need to make ram selections that fit their breeding objectives.  This information will be available on rams in the 2021 sale.



## Hannaton White Suffolks

We have been enjoying the challenge of developing and expanding our White Suffolk stud and have added more quality genetics in the last 12 months.

We purchased 2 stud sires from Detpa Grove last year at their on property auction with lambs on the ground now looking fantastic. With the extra ewes purchased scanned in lamb from Detpa Grove in 2019 and joining our ewe lambs we have increased numbers of rams available both at the on property sale and for private selection.

We continue to have a strong focus on our core breeding values in the White Suffolk Stud

**High Growth Rates** – Selecting for high weaning and post weaning weights
**High Carcass Yield** – Targeting high eye muscle depth
**High Lambing Percentage** – Selecting for twins and higher fat cover to improve lamb survival
**Bare Heads and Points** – Producing easy care lambs and ideal rams to join to merino ewes
**Sound Structure and Constitution** - Giving longevity to rams

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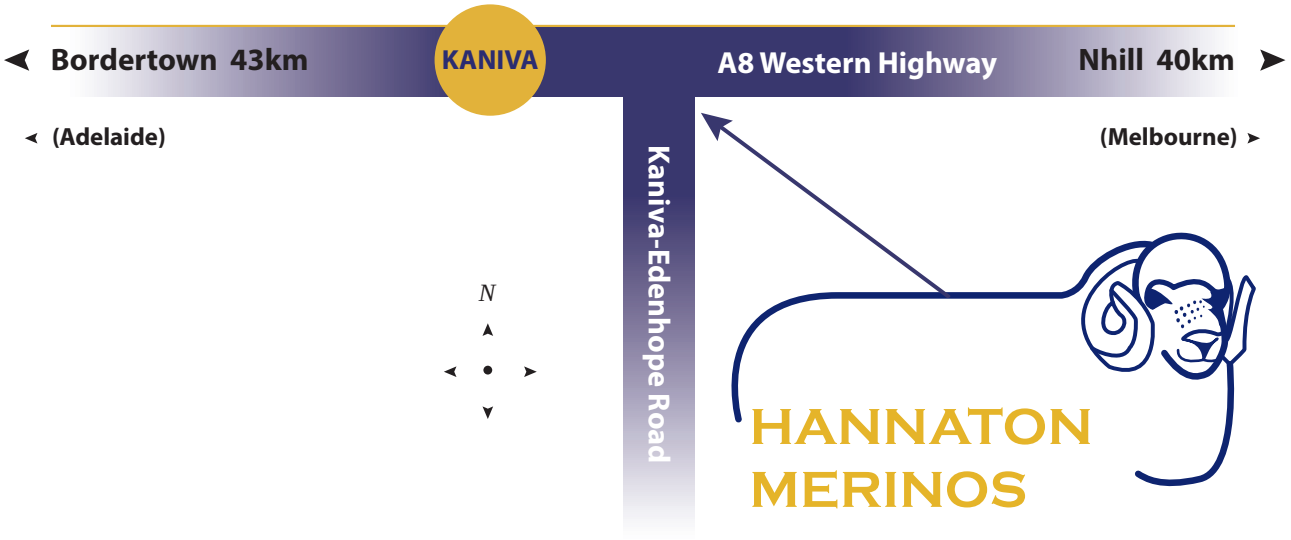
30 of our top White Suffolk rams will be available at our 2020 sale.
Private selection rams available after sale day by appointment.
For more details contact us directly or selling agent Stuart Kyle on 0417 332 805

***2020 sale rams pictured directly off shears in July and stud sires Detpa Grove 180831 & 180798 purchased in 2019***

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