

# KAMBAH

## POLL MERINOS



### A CHANGE IN OWNER BUT NOT DIRECTION

DEAN BOURLET

Kambah Poll Merinos was a life long passion of Glen Oxford of Young since 2000. We took over the business late November 2022 and are thankful for the opportunity to become Kambah's new owners.

We aim to bring a fresh new energy and passion to Kambah while continuing the current breeding program with the objective to maintain micron, improve fleece weight while increasing lambs on the ground and maintaining a mules free sheep. We will continue to put pressure on structure, conformation and doing ability as well as improving carcase characteristics including fat, eye muscle and inter muscular fat.

Animal health and welfare are also very important as we maintain our mules free status and add worm resistance and resilience to the suit of traits we are now measuring. The additional traits will provide you, our client with more confidence and accuracy when selecting and purchasing rams.

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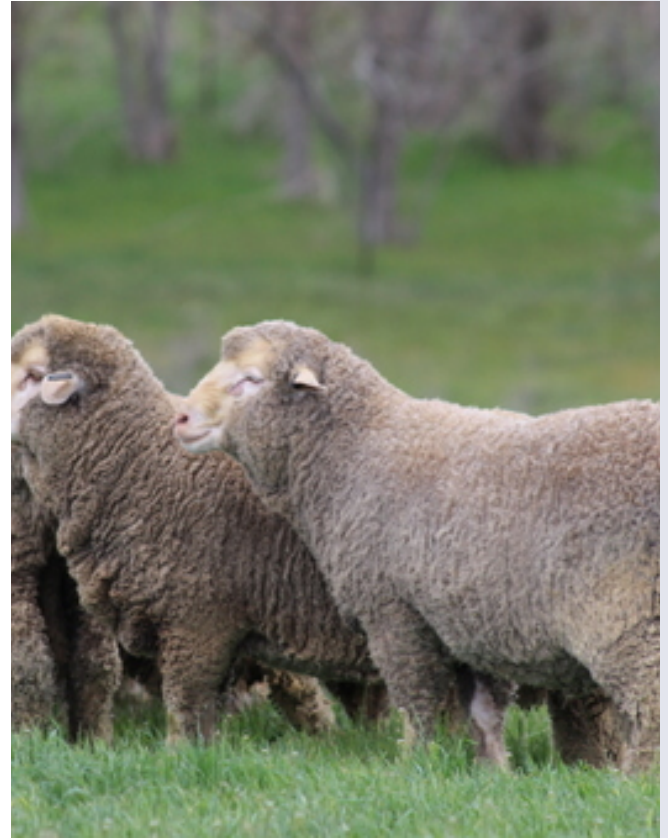
Message from Dean Bourlet

# WORM EGG COUNTS

The past couple of years have been very challenging to manage worms in most sheep enterprises.

This year (2023) we have for the first time worm egg (WEC) sampled all of the 2022 drop individually. By WEC sampling both the rams and ewes we will be able to put greater pressure genetically on WEC.

As this is our first year testing we are pleased with the results so far. The average for the 2022 drop is -7.5, placing us in the 60th percentile. We still have some improvement to make however we have a start and a direction to continue to improve (lower) the impact of worms to our clients.



## 5 STAR Data Quality Score

In February this year, Sheep Genetics recognised all of the breeders who have achieved a 5 Star data quality score rating. Kambah Poll Merinos was one of the flocks who have achieved this status.

The data quality score is based on a 5 year average for the amount and quality of pedigree submitted to Sheep Genetics along with trait recording and how effective the data is to make Australian Sheep Breeding Value (ASBV) predictions.

The new star rating system gives breeders an indication of the quality of a flocks data. Having a high DQS is very important in enhancing the reliability of highly accurate ASBVs.

At Kambah Poll Merinos we are working constantly to maintain our Data Quality.

Sheep Genetics would like to recognise  
Kambah (601540)  
for their 5 star data quality score

*On average, flocks with a 5 star data quality score have higher index accuracies and greater rates of genetic gain*

Sheep Genetics data quality score reflects

- the amount of data,
- completeness and accuracy of records,
- data structure, and
- timeliness of submission



Sheep GENETICS

23rd February analysis MERINOSELECT & DOHNE

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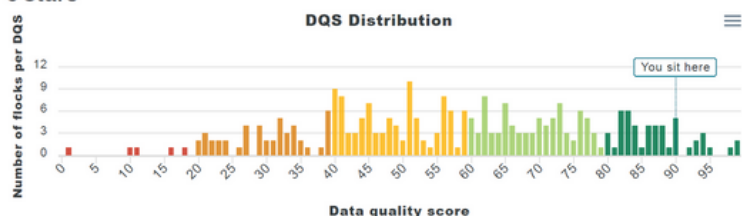
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Data Quality Score: 90.4



5 Stars



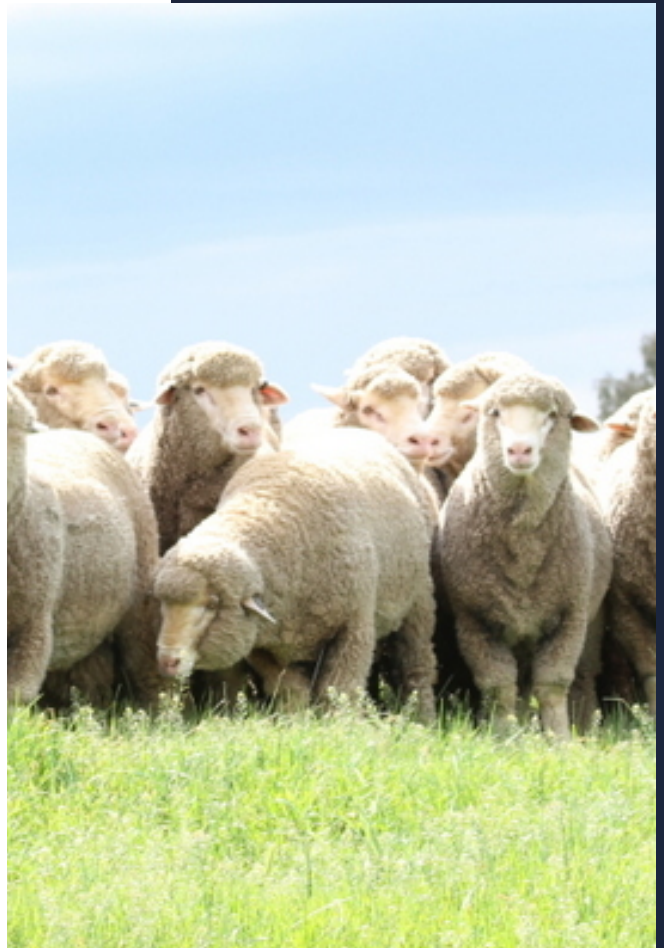


# 2023 RAM SALE AND OPEN DAY

The 2023 Open Day will move out to "Wynwood", Harden Road, Jugiong on the 6th September.

The Ram Sale Auction will be held at the Harden Murrumburrah Show Ground in the Davis Pavillion on Thursday 14th September

Please keep an eye on our updated website and social media pages for updates and catalogue, out soon.



## INCREASING OUR CAPACITY

Our plans to build ewe numbers and the capacity to supply superior rams to clients is in full swing. In addition to purchasing the Kambah Poll Merino flock we have also sourced additional ewes from a Centre Plus breeder that were genomic and objectively tested.

**"As the new owner I would like to welcome you all and I am open to all feedback. We will be continuing to use all the tools available including genomic testing all future progeny and using MateSel (the sheep perfect match) to fast track our genetic progress"**

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