

The Yanko is a 13,000 ha property situated 25km north of Jerilderie in the Riverina. Owned and managed by Hugh, Heather and their son Ian, together with daughters Georgina and Elizabeth. The Yanko runs 1,000 stud and 5000 commercial merino ewes. Cattle numbers have been reduced this year to enable us to maintain our sheep flock. The past year has been extremely dry and all sheep have been fed since April, 2018. Ewes have been provided a corn ration through lambing this year which has proven effective with lambs presenting well at marking in June.

2018 ON-PROPERTY RAM SALE RESULTS

We were very pleased by the strong demand at the 2018 On-property Ram sale. The top price of \$9,250 for a Merino ram sired by The Yanko 'Enfield' was purchased by Lawrence and Melissa Clifford, Bindaree Merinos, Berridale. All 72 rams sold for average price of \$2,541.67. Photo below: Courtesy Stephen Burns, The Land



DNA PROJECT SPEEDS UP GENETIC GAIN

We are currently in the second year of the MerinoLink DNA Stimulation Project. This project will allow us to know the sire and dam of all stud lambs by DNA testing all of the stud flock. A full pedigree will provide a number of benefits:



- allow the continuation of syndicate joining without reducing ASBV accuracy;
- identify the highest performing ewes for our ET program;
- all stud ewes can be boxed into multiple and single mobs for lambing.

The DNA test also includes genomic testing which in conjunction with a full pedigree will allow greater accuracy to be achieved for each animal's ASBV's.

CLIENT STORY – MERITS OF THE MERINO

The Yanko have been providing rams to a client at Dirranbandi since 2000, and in that time they have survived the millennium drought, floods in 2016 and very dry years since. The following very positive email we received early this year shows how with good management there is so much to be gained from running Merinos!

"We had some slight relief in Oct (30m) and Nov (47m), however little in December has put paid to that. Ended the year with 195m on the back of 241m for 2017 (Av 465m). Would like to report some excellent results for our sheep during this difficult year. We did not join our Maiden ewes and ran them at our 2nd property at 1 sheep to 10 acres (normally 1:3), they were not fed and cut 7 kgs wool and 90% were in score 2-3 condition. The Merino Ewe is an amazing animal and given 'area' impressive what she can produce.

Our 3-4 yo ewes here weaned 102% lambs to ewes joined and also cut 7kgs wool, they were fed, and are still being fed. These ewes are strong and have gone ahead since shearing. Again we are impressed with these ewes ability to produce in very trying conditions, at the peak we were feeding them 3 kgs Barley & 1 kg Cottonseed/hd/week.

Seasonal outlook is not good so we are again selling down, X/B lambs went this morning, next to go our Wether Weaners and Cull 2T Ewes."

We read this with great interest and admiration and know the dedication and passion this breeder has for his breeding enterprise. The feedback on great wool cuts, fertility and constitution of these progeny from The Yanko bloodline is truly heartening and we thought too good not to share.



THE YANKO MERINO

On property Ram Sale

80 rams - Thursday, 26 September 2019

Inspection from 10am -

Sale commencing 12.30pm

The Yanko rams on display at: The Australian Sheep & Wool Show
Bendigo - 19,20,21, July,
South West Slopes - Harden 3 September



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VALE –

IAN CAMERON SENIOR

It is with great sadness that my father, Ian Cameron died in May this year at the great age of 91. One of his proudest achievements was purchasing The Yanko in 1976, improving infrastructure and producing high quality sheep and cattle. He commenced breeding rams and The Yanko Stud was formed in 1989. His great love of the Riverina country and breeding merinos continued to be his interest and focus, always keen to know when the 'Ram Sale is coming up'!

COLIN LEWIS

Our valuable and dedicated employee of 40 years, Colin Lewis, lost his battle with cancer earlier this year. We honour his legacy here at The Yanko of great mechanical knowledge, welding and all-round efficiency executed with precision and neatness. He is missed by us all.

