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Christmas Break-Up
The Mountain Dam



Ram Registration Form

1. Site Evaluation details for the ram being entered

1a. Location & year being entered Location:..... Year of drop:.....
1b. Other locations & years the ram has been entered:

2. Ram details

2a. Ram's flock and common name:.....
2b. Ram's ear tag or on-farm record number:.....
2c. Ram's year of drop:.....
2d. Ram's 16 digit code:

2e. Breed of flock (e.g. Merino or Poll Merino. If other breed give details):

2f. Flock Code:.....

2g. Sire of ram (16-digit code):.....
2h. Sire of sire of ram (16-digit code):.....

2i. Is the ram currently alive (circle): Yes / No
2j. Is semen available for sale (circle): Yes / No
2k. Has a blood sample been taken for DNA (circle): Yes / No If No, Why?.....
2l. Ram's wool type (circle): Superfine / Fine / Medium / Broad

3. Owner details - Owner and contact for inquiries about the ram, plus owner(s) permission

3a. Owner:.....
3b. Contact: First name:.....Surname:

3c. Address:.....
3d. Town:..... Postcode :.....
3e. Phone:..... Mobile:.....
3f. Fax:..... Email:.....

3g. Does the owner of the ram give permission to enter the ram into this sire evaluation site:
Yes / No (circle) Owner signature:..... Date:.....

3h. Does the owner of the ram give permission to publish the rams results in *Merino Superior Sires*:
Yes / No (circle) Owner signature:..... Date:.....

3i. Does the owner of the ram give permission to publish the rams results in Sheep Genetics reports:
Yes / No (circle) Owner signature:..... Date:.....

4. Breeder details - only fill in points (4g) to (4i) if the breeders details are the same as the owners details above.

4a. Breeder:.....
4b. Contact: First name:.....Surname:

4c. Address:.....
4d. Town:..... Postcode :.....
4e. Phone:..... Mobile:.....
4f. Fax:..... Email:.....

4g. Does the breeder of the ram give permission to enter the ram into this sire evaluation site:
Yes / No (circle) Breeder signature:..... Date:.....

4h. Does the breeder of the ram give permission to publish the rams results in *Merino Superior Sires*
Yes / No (circle) Breeder signature:..... Date:.....

4i. Does the breeder of the ram give permission to publish the rams results in Sheep Genetics reports:
Yes / No (circle) Breeder signature:..... Date:.....

Note: Sires entered will be included in the AMSEA database and managed by AMSEA.

5. Signature of entrant

I believe all the above details to be true:..... Date:.....

6. Signature of site evaluation committee representative

I have checked all required details are listed:..... Date:.....

Entrants are required to provide an additional semen sample for DNA records as well as a blood sample.



Balmoral Victoria Sire Evaluation Group



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Field Day Friday 20th Feb '09

2007 & 2008 Progeny displayed

Tuloona Pastoral - 2007 display

Mokanger - 2008 display

10am *Sheep on Display at Tuloona*

2pm *Sheep on Display at Mokanger*

4pm *Speaker Sheep CRC Information Nucleus*

5pm *BBQ available*

Speaker from Sheep CRC
Information Nucleus



For further information
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AGM 9 Feb 2009

Sheep CRC Information Nucleus Open Day

Thursday 19th Feb, 9:30am to 3pm

DPI Hamilton Centre, Mt Napier Rd, 10km South of Hamilton

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2006 & 2007 reports coming out now

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Our Chairman - Tom Silcock

It was our pleasure to host a good crowd of helpers and supporters in the bush behind our property for a Christmas break up. Thank you for the fellowship and to Tania for organizing the day.

Wool growers should be mindful that our field day display on the 20th February is the only time during the year when the public have the opportunity to see progeny from current trials drafted into their sire groups.

The industry is struggling to find a top performing superfine ram that has strong mulse free characteristics and is suitable to use as a link sire. The ram needs to have been used in sire evaluations or alternatively have progeny in Sheep Genetics data base already.



Elders Victoria Sire Evaluation Group
2008 drop Weaning Weights collected 8/12/08

Sire	Total weaned	BWT av.
Avington 047	45	21.7
Bindawarra 1143/01 (link)	45	23.6
Centre Plus 107351 (link)	42	23.7
Connewarran B227	55	22.1
Cressbrook 06580	54	22.2
Currawong White 1267	48	22.1
Glendemar 051453	55	23.7
Gringegalgonia 051021	30	22.4
Kerrsville GL 5584	46	22.5
Koorngal 2521	48	22.4
Kurra-Wirra 3536	34	22.0
Mokanger 05 Y29	50	20.6
Not matched	1	21.6
Pendarra Red 274	48	21.8
The Mountain Dam 02/NW113	52	22.4
Windarra 040236	40	24.4
Yalgoo 060188	54	20.4
Yiddinga Blk 80	53	21.8
Grand Total	800	22.3 kgs

Newsletter via email? - let the manager know:
manager@balmoralbreeders.com.au

Reports are available on request or from our website
www.balmoralbreeders.com.au
Inspect 2006 & 2007 reports shortly

Tuloona Host property 2006—2007



Michael Craig
"Tuloona"

Another below average spring here at Harrow with only 8mm of rain for the crucial month of October. The 07 Sire Evaluation progeny are progressing well, despite a very hard winter. They have been crutched and have had their 1st summer drench. They have just commenced a maintenance feed ration of 1.5kg of barley and their condition score is holding up well at over 2.7. The animals will be on display at the next field day on the 20th February at Tuloona.

An interesting side note is the fantastic weight gain response we have received from ceasing surgical mulesing in our commercial flock. The average weaning weight has gone from 26kg to over 29.5kg. Not bad coming from "little fine wool sheep" in a poor Spring. Now the interesting management challenge begins.

Mokanger Host property 2008 - 2009



Shane Arnold
"Mokanger"

Since weaning the lambs have continued to gain weight on paddocks cut for hay and have been supplementary fed with silage and grain. Lambs were moved onto Lucerne and chicory paddocks on the 20 January and are expected to remain on these paddocks until the end of February. We have had some trouble with grass seeds in eyes which has set some lambs back. The worst have had the seeds removed and all lambs are on clean paddocks now. These lambs are due to be shorn at the end of May.

The 16 micron Ewes to be artificially inseminated for the **2009 trial** are on stubble and in condition score 3+. These will be drafted for selection in late February.

The Season has been tough again. The early Sumer rain helped the chicory and Lucerne but we are still looking forward to an early break.

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Attention: sheep breeders and producers

The CRC for Sheep Industry Innovation & Victorian Department of Primary Industries invites sheep breeders, producers and industry members to attend the

Sheep CRC Information Nucleus Open Day

Thursday 19th February, 9.30 am to 3 pm
DPI Hamilton Centre, Mt Napier Rd, 10 km south of Hamilton

The Open Day provides the Victorian sheep industry with the first opportunity to inspect and discuss the Sheep CRC's groundbreaking research programs. Leading researchers will be on hand to describe their work and the implications for wool and sheepmeat production. Entry and lunch free

Program outline:

- 9.30 – Registration & morning tea
- 10.00 – Welcome – Dr Ralph Behrendt
- 10.05 – The Sheep CRC – Prof James Rowe
- 10.20 – Information Nucleus design and concept – Dr Ben Hayes
 - 10.50 – Rams and results – Dr Alex Ball
 - 11.20 – Visual Sheep Scores – Mr John Byron
- 11.35 – Information Nucleus – Hamilton program – Ms Kirsty Thomson
 - 11.50 – Sheep CRC Sheep Program – Dr Andrew Thompson
 - 12.20 – Lunch and sheep inspection
 - 2.00 – Sheep CRC Wool Program – Mr David Tester
 - 2.30 – Sheep CRC Meat Program – Dr Robyn Warner
 - 3.00 – Close

Please RSVP 13th February 2009 to DPI Hamilton Centre
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