

## 2007 drop 2<sup>nd</sup> Assessment - Summary of Classer's Grades

Classer: Mr Glendon Hancock, 15th June, 2009

Sire name	Tops %	Flocks %	Culls %	No of sheep assessed
Bindawarra 01.1143	47	40	13	47
Gringegalgon 051737	21	41	38	39
Kurra Wirra SR 2438	57	26	17	23
Merinotech Vic 051605	30	54	17	54
QPLUS\$ 4.147352	23	56	21	39
QPLUS\$ 4.147367	13	36	51	55
One Oak No. 2 B3046	14	54	32	37
Roseville Park 2536	31	33	36	45
Tuloona 2128	9	57	34	44
Windarra 03/0078	39	45	16	49
Yalgoo 420	58	36	6	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>485</b>



Committee Member Mark Bunge body weighing the 2007 progeny.



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## Balmoral Victoria Sire Evaluation Group

# Trial News

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### Summary

- The 2009 trial ewes were scanned on June 16, results below.
- The 2008 progeny will be assessed in 2010.
- The 2007 progeny were visually classed on June 15, results page 4.
- The 2007 progeny were shorn on June 22 and samples have been sent to Riverina Wool Testers.
- Thanks to all who assisted on work days; Members of the committee, Elders representatives and ram owners.



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Testimonial from Bruce Laidlaw T/A RHC Seymour, "Yat Nat", Balmoral.

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## Scanning results – 2009 trial

Stud name or name of ram	Pregnancy test results					Total Ewes Joined	Possible Lambs	Scanned Lambing % of Ewes joined
	(Dry) 0	1	2	3 Ewes Missing or dead	Total			
Connewarran 6042	9	34	17			60	68	113
Cressbrook 03784	15	20	23	2		60	72	120
GP 706	25	21	14			60	49	82
GP 716 OLYMPIC	12	32	14	1	1	60	63	105
Grindon 50118	14	19	27			60	73	122
Kamora Park M10050	37	15	8			60	31	52
Kiaora big Red 58	9	27	24			60	75	125
Kurra-Wirra 268	11	22	26		1	60	74	123
Mokanger Blue 8	15	25	20			60	65	108
mokanger blue 83	20	25	15			60	55	92
Pendarra Red 274	16	24	19		1	60	62	103
The Mt Dam 06NBE018	8	24	27	1		60	81	135
Windarra 040236	32	19	9			60	37	62
Insufficient data to be recorded	54	5	1			60	7	12
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>97</b>

Min. progeny requirements for one assessment in trials is 20 progeny assessed.

## Our Chairman - Tom Silcock

With the final data collection of the 2007 drop progeny now completed, we thank Michael & Jane Craig and their family for hosting the 2006 and 2007 drop trials at their Tuloona property. Under Michael's management we have been able to run very successful trials under very challenging seasonal conditions.



We have scanned ewes joined for this year's 2009 trial and are well under way with this second trial being run at Mokanger.

We are still looking for a new host property to run the next 2 trials.

Australian Merino Sire Evaluation Association (AMSEA) are under going a future commercialization review. Already link sires will have to be funded by sites next year. We hope that by operating our current trials with one evaluation at 18 months of age instead of 2 evaluations over 2 years will help us to keep our budgets in balance.

The industry combined vote in the near future for wool tax levels for AWI will directly effect AWI's ability to provide industry support for co-ordinating trials across Australia and indirectly effect our future trial funding.

A special thank you to Sue Jarvis who steps down as our Data Manager with the finish of trials at Tuloona. Sue and Hugh remain very valuable members of our Committee. Marion Gibbins returns after some years, as Data Manager at Mokanger. Once again a special thanks to all helpers at recent working bees.



2007 Trial sheep off-shears



Shearer Barb Smith and Tuloona Manager Michael Craig at the final shearing of the 2007 progeny.

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## 'Tuloona' Host property 2006—2007

Things are looking good here at Tuloona. Despite relatively low rainfall of only 102mm for the first 6 months up until the 1st July, the timing of those rainfall events have nearly been perfect. Crops are looking good and even our pasture systems are growing and most stock were weaned off their feeding rations by the middle of June.



Michael Craig  
"Tuloona"

The 07 drop Sire Evaluation Sheep were classed on the 15th June and then shorn and body weighed on the 22nd June. The animals looked relatively strong off shears and were averaging around 2.7 condition score. The 07 drop evaluation program is now complete and it has been a very rewarding and enjoyable process to be involved in the two trials. As genetics are a key profit driver in all types of wool enterprises, the Elders Sire Evaluation Program provides critical knowledge and insight into our industry's genetic progression.

## 'Mokanger' Host property 2008 - 2009



Shane Arnold  
"Mokanger"

Mokanger has had a great start to the season receiving 200mm of timely rain so far. All ewes are condition score 2.5-3, with trial ewes on the higher end. Trial lambs were drenched on May 28 and are currently on 2000kg/ha of improved pasture and responding accordingly. Looking forward to a good Spring to finish off the season.

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