

45TH ANNUAL PRODUCTION SALE



# AVENEL MERINOS AVENPART KELPIES

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**Avenpart Kelpie Stud**

*2023 Sale Rams.*



**Friday September 15, 2023**

Inspection from 10am

Ram Auction 1pm

Open Day – Friday, September 8, 2023

on-property 10am to 4pm (other days by request)

COVID-safe guidelines apply.

Interest Free  
Deferred  
Payment  
Options



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RIVERINA BIOSECURITY AREA



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# RAM SALE PROGRAMME 2023

## Friday, September 8:

Pre-Sale Inspection 10am-4pm  
or earlier this week by request.

## Friday, September 15:

96 Stud and Specially Selected  
Rams auctioned singly through  
our undercover sale ring.  
24 Selected Rams in pens of 3  
(Multiple Hammer)  
Inspection from 10am.  
Ram Auction 1pm.

## Saturday, September 16:

Grade Rams are available  
by prior arrangement.

## Tuesday, September 19:

200 Grade Rams available starting  
this week.

## Grade Prices:

Selected \$1,200  
Flock \$ 800

## Fleece Measurement:

All rams tested by Laserscan in  
August 2023.

Interest free deferred payment plan is available upon prior  
request for both auction and grade rams to approved clients.

## 2022 PRODUCTION SALE SUMMARY

115 Rams sold to \$8,250

93 of 95 single lots av. \$3,062  
(from a base of \$1000)

22 of 22 Mini Auction av. \$1,545



## AVENEL STATISTICS

Area: 6,900 Hectares  
Ave. Rainfall: 375mm  
Irrigation: 500 Hectares  
(if water available)

## Year 2023 Joining:

728 Stud Ewes to Poll Sires  
478 Stud Ewes to Horned Sires  
2,739 Flock Ewes to Merino Sires



Aerial view of flood waters.



November rains cut access to 20% of the property.

## Avenel Merino Stud

### What a year it has been!

Spring gave us a large body of feed, but it was low in protein and combined with the flood waters in November cutting access to 20% of the property, joining was always going to be difficult. Conditions for joining were not favourable with our usual program disrupted by floodwaters. We were unable to use teasers and flush our ewes, as per normal. Rams were often isolated from the ewes due to floodwaters. We did increase our ram percentage to between 3-5%, dropping additional rams into the ewes at the end of the first cycle.

January gave us 55mm of rain without any follow-up, resulting in a false break. There were no major falls over 13mm until the first week of June with a fall of 32mm. June produced 72mm, giving us a late break and not much trefoil and native medic.

Despite the extreme flood conditions lambmarking results of 114% (to ewes joined) for the flock ewes, including 102% (to ewes joined) for maiden ewes.





## Avenel Poll

Poll lambs.

**The Poll Stud** has introduced two new sires to maintain the purity and quantity of wool on our sheep.

We purchased Roseville Park RP 210977, "Matthew" for \$18000 with figures of YWT 10.27 (top 10%), YCFW 16.41, YFD -2.24 (top 20%) MP+ 168.5. A very pure woolled ram with great lock structure and staple length. At lambmarking his lambs were impressive.



Scott Thrift with RP210977, "Matthew".

We purchased a Poll ram from Yarrawonga Stud 210935, "Phillip" YGFW 28.47 (top 10%), YCFW 33.8 (top 5%), YFD -1.29 and YSS 3.38 (top 20%). A productive skinned ram with great coverage and productivity.



Phoebe McCrabb and Mim Dalton collecting data.

Data collection process starts all over again. Starting with TSU collection, for DNA, and data collection of EBWR and BCOV scores. Fleece weighing and the use of ASBVs and figures for sheep classing.



Using the data at classing.

## News



This year we would like to thank Nutrien for their 43 years of support and welcome AWN and their Stud Stock team led by Scott Thrift to our sale this year.



As an addition we will be auctioning **Lot 23** with the proceeds of this sale to be donated to the **McGrath Foundation** to assist in funding Breast Care Nurses.



Maasai chiefs impressed with Avenel Merinos.



# News Update



# AVENPART KELPIE STUD

**Avenpart** has had three litters born recently, having decided not to breed during the hot summer months.

Our litter in April was the first out of our Av. **Ilka** AI (Av. Zondo x Av. Gellybean). A quality all round worker who had six pups by **Nativehut Riggs** (Digga) (Av. Terrie x Idano Anytime). A calm black/tan dog who placed third in the Australian Utility Trial Championships in 2022 and second at the Bendigo Open Yard Trial 2023 and is owned by Marcus Campbell.

Proven mating, Av. **Dom** x Av. **Jessica** pups are working and competing well here, in Canada and the USA. We have retained some of this latest litter as we nearly lost Av. **Dom** who was very ill from February until May. Three operations later, a barley grass seed was located and removed from under a rib. We are unsure of his future ability as a stud or working dog.

We still have Av. **Zeus** who has just bred a litter to **Nativehut Chilli** who won the Novice Yard Trial at Hamilton for Brad Watts this year.

A litter by Av. **Jackaroo** x Av. **Nonee** worked by Peter McCrabb at North Bundy born in May, go back to **Glenville Smoke** bloodlines and will be assessed.

We had the misfortune to lose two of our stud bitches Av. **Verve** and Av. **Gellybean** from suspected blue green algae owing to contaminated flood waters. Progeny from these bitches. Av. **Eveready**, Av. **Ilka** and Av. **Zoe** have been retained at the stud.

Semen sales at home and abroad have all been successful. Av. **Dom**'s litter in Canada now proving themselves at 9 months old.

All dogs/bitches in the stud CA tested.

Check [www.avenpart-avenel.com](http://www.avenpart-avenel.com) or phone us for availability of pups.



Av. Ilka at work.



**Avenpart Mirage**

Top Ranked Kelpie in the US for 2023  
American Kennel Club Agility Invitational



Chilli with pups x  
Av. Zeus.



Digga.



Av. Ilka's pups.



Hurricane AI  
(Av. Dom x Nomak  
Sophie) in Ontario,  
Canada.



Av. Zoe (Bidgee Comb x Av. Verve).



Av. Rad, Eveready, Dom and Zeus.



Av. Dom (Doolans Tex  
x Av. Astra).



Av. Eveready (Bidgee Comb x Av. Verve).

**Avenel Merino and Avenpart Kelpie semen from top sires can be ordered direct or through Annie Romanin at Apiam Genetics Riverina. Telephone: (03) 5881 5515. All breeders are tested for CA.**