

*Cam, Winks, James & Kylie Armstrong take great pleasure in inviting you to their*

## **2017 On Property Ram Sale - Thursday 5th October 2017**

**10 am Inspection, 1 pm Sale @ "Wirroolga" 9843 Golden Highway Cassilis**

*Open cry auction - 52 Cassilis Park Rams (8 polled), 8 Mega Merino Polls*

This year's sale rams have demonstrated great resilience and productivity under some fairly trying conditions in the last seven months at Wirroolga. Their average body weight of 78 kg for the entire drop at **12 months of age, topping at 96 kg** was pleasing. All rams still had their lambs' teeth at their final weighing on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The recovery from the Sir Ivan



Bushfire is well underway with a lot of fencing rebuilt, ewes are currently lambing and all of our stock have returned home. **We will be offering Extended Agistment and Free Delivery of Rams purchased this year.**

Congratulations to **Ken and Doon MacCallum from Scone** who purchased their first ram from our family 50 years ago and have had excellent results from the ram they purchased from us last year. We would also like to make special mention of other long term clients including the Ponder, Piper, Francis and White families.

Many of our clients are achieving **industry leading results in a range of environments** – with impressive wool sales, lambing percentages, ewe sales, wether lambs sales and wool cuts. Please contact Cam 0409963437 or James 0412926525 if you would like to find out more.

Cassilis Park 2015 drop **wethers and classed out ewes made \$148 and \$186** respectively at Forbes and Narromine sheep yards this year, a great result for the complete draft of sale sheep. The ewes were bid on by First Cross Breeders as well as Merino Breeders showing the versatility, popularity and balance of our genetics.

This year we have an extra 40 grade rams on offer as we have been steadily increasing numbers of ram sold, with **171 rams sold in 2016/2017**. We are excited to announce that following the ram sale this year we will be purchasing 100 pure poll, 5 year old stud ewes from one of Australia's premier Poll Merino Studs – "Moorundie" at Keith in South Australia. **We will be registering the Cassilis Park Poll Merino Stud as soon as possible after the purchase of these ewes and semen.**

With improved DNA technology we have decided to implement an **annual DNA testing program** whereby the top animals of each drop are tested allowing complete pedigree information, poll factor and eventually genetic breeding values. This is an exciting development for our stud as it will lead to increased genetic improvement, improved individual animal data and benefits that compound year after year.

Last year we completed our first **Contract Ram Breeding** consignment. We offer a Contract Ram Breeding program as an innovative agreement for larger commercial clients who value having direct input into the selection of their whole genetic package, this includes setting specific breeding objectives focused on customising selections specific to each client's individual requirements. This platform facilitates long term partnerships between breeder and client that ensures spreading of risk, rapid genetic progress towards specific goals, extremely affordable rams as well as maximum accountability and ultimate flexibility in breeding choices.



***We look forward to seeing you at the On Property Ram Sale at Cassilis on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October***  
***Best wishes from Cam and James***