

HAMILTON RUN POLL MERINO STUD HISTORY

Hamilton Run Poll Merino Stud has a long and rich history of breeding through its continuation of the Bolinda Poll Merino Stud, founded by Bob and Linda Andrews with its roots dating back to the 1950's. It was under the governance of Bob and Linda Andrews and with the guidance of renown sheep classer Mr Len Anderson that Bolinda became a prominent Southern Poll Merino Stud through the exciting wool era of the 1980's. Through this period the Stud successfully generated interest that created milestones for the breed in South Australia with "On Property Auction" record high prices and averages. Including and not limited to sales recorded at:

\$19,000 Kangaroo Island Breeders Syndicate

\$18,000 Mt Hesse Victoria \$14,500 Marnoo Stud Syndicate

A strong following of stud interest was generated and a highlight was the Sire B288 which was used by the Moorundie Park Stud going on to breed MP124 which was sold for \$58,000 at the Dubbo Ram Sale. With a commitment through the decades to produce quality wools on a practical large framed sheep, a corner stone was laid for the future of Hamilton Run. With a change of name and a relocation of the stud breeding flock to the Mid North of South Australia the rebirth of the stud was created under the new principles, Greg Andrews and Nicole Luckraft. In the 13 years since the inception of Hamilton Run the nucleus flock has been based between the home property at Jamestown and the harsh environment of the Flinders Rangers.

The stud has remained commercially focused with a strong belief that a ewe must be able to survive, thrive and reproduce, something that has been accentuated through the environment of the Flinders. While the flock is classed by Greg Andrews with the support of lan Bradtke the emphasis has been to produce a high performance breeding ewe. Hamilton Run has had a strong association with the Well Gully stud from Queensland over the last 15 years as it has attempted to breed a unique wool with a complemented balance of wax to suint ratio that allows wool to hold up to natures forces. As the program has had a strong Hamilton Run and Well Gully profile it has only been in recent years that outside Sires have been introduced, preferring to utilise natural service over artificial breeding as it attempts to breed uniformity of type.



Greg and Nicole have continued to support and grow a creditable client base of breeders in the North, South, Mallee and Pastoral regions of South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales which is testament to the diversity and quality of the wools at Hamilton Run. On property auctions continue to be well received with a strong following, consistently achieving averages in advance of \$2,000 with strong clearance rates.

Noted Sales

HR 160 \$20,000 Coddington Ualdry Poll Stud

HR984 \$15,000 AJ & PA McBride

HR63 \$20,000 Bradfield Stud (GLP 036 X) HR1212 \$15,000 Bradfield Stud (HR 1000 X) 10 month old ram lamb 2019

The Hamilton Run formula of the use of visual and technical appraisal has allowed for many successful years of breeding quality Poll Merino sheep. This concept of being able to produce a structurally correct ewe that has fat cover to enhance fertility while growing a fibre that is bright and white with length of staple is what has been achieved through this stud's program and remains ever evolving as they strive for exceptional purity and type.



