

In a reflection of the positive outlook for the Spring, the strong demand for performance recorded maternal composite and terminal genetics continued at our October ram sale. We would like to thank Kerr and Co Livestock for undertaking a massive job of selling 487 rams, 73 more rams than last year, for an average of \$1,352 which was about the same as last year. The rams generally stayed within the local area, however over 50 rams crossed the border into the South East of South Australia and another 27 went across on the ferry to Tasmania. The Chromedale maternals were the highlight of the day with a 100% clearance for 286 rams to average \$1,578, about \$50 back on last year.

Our clients are reporting that the Chromedale maternal composites were performing extremely well, marking high percentages of top quality lambs. The good carcass attributes of these maternal ewes are now flowing through into their progeny, which is what we are seeing in our own flock and are glad to hear it is being replicated for our clients.

The demand for our Poll Dorset and Icon Southie rams continues to be strong. We've had so many great stories on better carcass shape and early maturity from Poll Dorset sired lambs out of a variety of ewes and the Southies are doing exactly what they are designed for - Easy lambing for Merino and first lambing maternal ewes and delivering fast growing sappy lambs which hold some juice in the skins.



Matt Tonissen with top priced Chromedale Ram Lot 13, purchased by Langi Kal Kal at Beaufort for \$3,000



The team at Chrome Sheep Studs would like to thank everybody for their contribution to the success of our October Open Day and Ram Sale.

JANUARY RAM SALE

Our summer ram sale will be held on Friday, January 20, 2017, offering 200 rams with all breeds represented.

It seems as though it was only yesterday we had our first January Sale back in 2012, which was mostly an offering of ram lambs, due to outstanding demand. Interestingly enough, 6 years on we are still offering Icon Southie ram lambs to keep up the supply of what has become a popular terminal sire option for our clients. The demand for our "Icon Southie" terminal sires and Chromedale maternal rams continues to grow, as more and more producers have great results with these sheep.

The whole maternal offering features our late spring drop rams out of ewe lambs and some 1.5 yo rams that were not offered in our October sale. The demand for self replacing maternal flocks continues and the exceptional demand for rams and ewes over the last 12 months is testament to this.



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These sires have progeny in this January sale



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RAM SALE - Friday 20th Oct

Inspection 10.00am | Sale commences 12.00am

**EVERY 6TH
RAM
FREE**

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NEW MATERNAL INDEXES

Maternal Carcase Production Plus (MCP+)

The MCP+ index is similar to the MCP index with the addition of both wool and worm egg count. This index targets self-replacing production systems where maintaining adult weight and fleece weights are seen as important at the same time as improving carcase traits. It also aims to reduce WEC which is important in high rainfall areas or high input management systems.

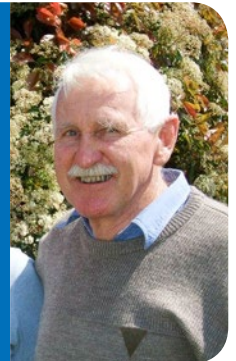
Trait	MCP+ Gain Over 10 years	MAT \$ Gain Over 10 years
BWT (kg)	0.14	0.11
WWT (kg)	1.9	2.51
PWT (kg)	3.11	4.03
MWWT (kg)	0.98	1.19
AWT (kg)	0	4.49
PFAT (mm)	0.27	0.21
PEMD (mm)	0.75	0.37
YNLW (%)	0.03	
NLW (%)	0.03	0.06
PWEC (%)	-25.82	-28.05
YGFW (%)	0.09	-0.37

We will be reporting both the Maternal \$ and MCP+ indexes in our ram sale catalogue.

THANK YOU to Sandy

We would like to publicly acknowledge the enormous contribution Sandy McKirdy has made to the success of Chrome Sheep Studs. Sandy has been involved here since we started breeding rams seriously in 2002. Sandy brought with him a lifetime of sheep breeding expertise and was instrumental in setting up the structure and breeding programs at Chrome. Matt was privileged to travel with Sandy on a number of trips to New Zealand, gaining valuable experience in the stud industry and the search for new genetics.

Once again thanks Sandy for your massive contribution not only to our operation but the sheep industry in general and we wish you all the best in your retirement.



CHROME GENETICS EWE SALE



Congratulations to our clients who offered ewes in our recent ewe sale. Those of you who have surplus breeding ewes are encouraged to part of this sale held annually in December each year. The more we can work together to promote the Chrome branded product the more awareness we can create for our sheep collectively going forward.

Results:

Acc: Chrome

110 x 1.5yo Chromedale Composite Ewes \$227

100 x 1.5yo Chromedale Composite Ewes \$226

120 x 5.5yo Chromedale Composite Ewes \$150

Acc: Tandara (Craig & Jacinta Grant)

150 x 1.5yo Chromedale Composite Ewes \$232

Acc: AllJo Partnership (Allan & Jodie McIntosh)

170 x 5.5yo Chromedale Composite Ewes \$144

Congratulations!

We congratulate Hamish Thomas and Amber McDonald on their recent wedding which we had the privilege of being a part of. Hamish and Amber are so well suited to each other. Here's to many happy years together!



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