

Around

the studs

This edition shows even more of the RIVERINA MERINO'S winning trifecta traits on parade and taking home the ribbons. **AVENEL** client for many years, Syd Dickens of Berrigan, NSW won the three year Gawler Ranges Wether Trial shorn in February 03 on Nonning Station in eight inch rainfall pastoral territory of SA. Other Avenel teams, one from Syd's maiden ewes, and those of Gerry Joyce, Ararat, Victoria, and Neil and David Allen of Mitiamo, Victoria, all placed in the top half of the 22 teams in the trial. The four Avenel blood teams averaged \$24 per head above the average wool value of all teams over 3 shearings, a gain of \$8 per head per year.

SOMERSET Merino Stud of Jerilderie invite inspection of the progeny of **MC9**, a Somerset outstanding sire and fourth generation from famous sire **8.11**, purchased from Goolgumbra for \$17,250. Somerset was also nominated for the Elders Supreme Clip of the Month, classed by David Milthorpe Jr. in May 2003.

In May, **WILLANDRA** Merino Stud principals Ross and John Wells made the big trek to Roma, Queensland to attend the State Sheep Show. The Willandra sheep brought home a swag of ribbons including Reserve Grand Champion Ram (Willandra II) and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe (Willandra). The ewes in the team also did extremely well winning Champion and Reserve Champion Strong Wool (Willandra) and Champion Medium Wool (Willandra II).

Willandra Wallis, the Riverina Ewe of the Year also won the Junior Champion Ewe ribbon.

POOGINOOK clients since the 1940's, the Barber family from Waitakere Co Castle Hill Baldry, sold 546 August September drop 2001 ewes in February 2003 for \$107 at an on property sale.

POOGINOOK WOOL INITIATIVE held a workshop at West Wyalong showgrounds on July 15. A Western Australian workshop of the Pooginook Wool Initiative will be held on August 15 at Woodanilling. Pooginook clients also took out most of the top awards in the Hay Sheep Show in June. Geoff and Pam Norman from Narrwong Hay won Supreme Champion pen of flock ewes and Champion pen of ewe hoggets. John and Anthea Sutherland from East Borambil Condobolin were the most successful exhibitor with Reserve Champion Ewe. Long standing client O'Callaghan's from Griffith sold 230 one year old Sept 02 shorn ewes for \$102 in July.

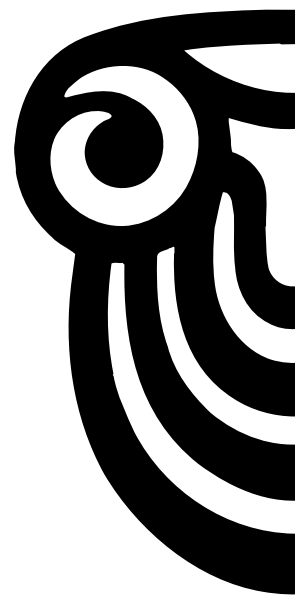
THE YANKO MERINO continues to focus on fertility despite the drought and have scanned above 90% of ewes pregnant. At the Hay Sheep Show, The Yanko Ram won Champion Unhoused Ram. **440** is an impressive, extremely long sire with great bone and structure and pure medium wool. He has some very exciting lambs on the ground and will be on display at the Riverina Stud Merino Field Day in Hay on September 12.

Still at The Yanko, Wether Trial results continue to be a good gauge of bloodline for commercial growers. The Gawler Ranges Wether Trial final shearing saw The Yanko as the highest yielding team and

the only team with 100% comfort factor. The Yanko finished in fourth place overall.

Hay's **UARDRY** stud won both the Champion March Shorn Medium Wool Ram and Junior Champion March Shorn Medium Wool Ram awards at the recent Australian Sheep and Wool Show held in Bendigo. Increased demand for Uardry and **SIMS UARDRY** rams has seen 7 new clients place orders for 250 rams prior to the 2003 ram selling season. Producers are recognizing that the predicted shortage of pure merino ewes for both the wool and prime lamb industries is a positive and can be turned to their advantage. Uardry is well placed to fill orders of any size with 1800 rams offered for selection in 2003.

At the **F.S. FALKINER STUDS, BOONOKE, WANGANELLA** and **POLL BOONOKE** stock and fleeces keep taking home the prizes. A Poll Boonoke ram won Junior Champion Ram at the Hay Sheep Show, and a Boonoke fleece won the Champion fine Medium Fleece Broad Ribbon in the Wesfarmers Landmark Australian Fleece Competition held in conjunction with the Australian Sheep & Wool Show at Bendigo. A Poll Boonoke fleece was the Reserve Champion. And then a Poll Boonoke fleece won the Champion Medium Fleece Broad Ribbon in the same comp. with a Wanganella fleece taking home the Reserve Champion ribbon. A Poll Boonoke ram was the Reserve Champion Poll Ram at the Australian Sheep & Wool Show at Bendigo.



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