



## Welcome to the Kiandra Newsletter

Welcome to our second newsletter, a hard copy for your hands. What a year it has been! We had good opening rains and kind weather, now the cold has set in, but we are having a mild week with the start of July lambing.

Our on property ram sale is planned to go ahead on Thursday September 3, which is 2 weeks earlier than previously advised. COVID 19 has changed the way any displays happen this year, so we have been working hard with the sheep at home. Containment feeding worked well in a new feedlot with better runoff. The ewes have now moved out onto the paddocks with good feed growing.

### Please note:

We plan to auction on property in 2020 with careful preparation and adherence to necessary government regulation to keep us, our clients, agents and anyone who attends our property as safe as possible from COVID19.

Ram sales are deemed to be an essential agricultural service and will be conducted unless the regulations change. There will be certain pre-sale conditions to be observed and sale day procedure to be followed, including protocol for both the vendor and purchasers and strict lunch and drinks procedure.

This year we will be working with Auctions Plus, which we were planning to do in 2020 and in light of the current environment is great timing. Please familiarise yourself with this platform before the day to save any disappointment.

Auction Plus provide amazing photos and footage of all stock and we will be happy to discuss further and help you get all the information you need to make the right purchase.

ON PROPERTY  
*Ram  
Sale*  
THURSDAY  
3 SEPTEMBER 2020



# Why we don't shed sale rams?

**Simple as this, your rams won't live inside, so why should ours?**

Here at Kiandra Poll Merino, we try to put as much selection pressure on our sale rams as possible. This means your investment in merino rams and the lambs bred won't let you down.

By running the sale rams outside, in a commercial environment, it allows us to select for feet and pasterns, dags and scours, weather proof wool and feed conversion. By doing this we are able to provide a ram with genetics to reduce management, therefore improve profit.



*Kiandra poll merino signs erected in the local area, should help people find their way!*



## Lambing percentage, growth rates, muscle and fat, fleece weights and wool quality.

Kiandra poll genetics excel in the balance of these 6 traits. Our sheep offer a productive genetic package of constitution, fibre and figures. This is backed up by top performance in trials and ASBVs, Kiandra Poll are solid performers year after year.

“Over the last couple of years the team at Kiandra have been putting in the hard yards to improve the amount of pedigree that is recorded on sale rams and retained ewes. This will only increase in the future, they have also been strategically using genomics to help improve the accuracy of their own selection decisions and the information they can supply on sale rams. This gives us a lot of confidence that the rams will breed like the numbers say they will. Remember, using breeding values is like being able to predict the future - they are that powerful. Importantly, no amount of feeding or shedding will change the DNA. The genes they are born with are the genes they will pass on to their progeny and an ASBV is the only way of knowing what these genes are. If you'd like some more information about ASBVs, how they are calculated or what they mean, please do not hesitate to ask Ryan or contact me directly [mark@nextgenagri.com](mailto:mark@nextgenagri.com) +64 21 496 656

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## Our future, is your future

### 5 Sires of the 2020 drop

	PWT	YWT	YEMD	YFAT	YCFW
180026	8.5	10.2	0.7	0.3	27.6
188003	5.8	8.8	2.4	1.2	30.8
150734	6.8	9.1	0.9	0.6	27
170995	7.8	9.6	2.1	1.0	25.5
180666	12.5	18.6	2.3	1.2	23.9