

**2008**

**CHARINGA**



**MERINO STUD**

**“Our Clients come first.  
We constantly push the  
boundaries to give them  
the best product we can  
achieve.”**

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**Charinga Merino Stud  
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Charinga Poll  
Flock No 1237  
Charinga White Suffolks  
Flock No 434  
MN3 V (2002)**

**All sheep approved vaccinates  
score 9**

**Brucellosis Acc**

**Gowandale Merino Stud  
Flock No 3788**

**All sheep OJD vaccinated**

## AS I SEE IT

Charinga Merino Stud is a family affair, owned and run by myself, my wife Donna, our three children, Tim, Fiona and Lendon, and our work force, Len Reid, Graeme Shaw, Ron Flanagan, Dean Wandel and new apprentice Duane Bannan.

Charinga is a daughter stud of Banavie Merino Stud at Marnoo and continues to breed big, fertile sheep with robust constitutions, heavy cutting ability and quality medium wool, for which they are renowned.

Embryo transfer, embryo splitting, artificial insemination and pregnancy testing are just some of the tools used extensively at Charinga to improve our product for the industry.

Many of Charinga's best stock now have been bred from Embryo Transfer from within the flock for 8 to 9 generations, in some cases both the sire and dam side.

Through rigorous selection at this elite level, our genetics are proving to have great potency in the merino industry across Australia.

I am delighted with the continued success of Charinga clients at the Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show. It is the premier Australian Show, where East meets West.

Congratulations to Roland, Elizabeth and Rohan Sprigg, East Strathglen Merino Stud, Tambellup, WA on winning the Merino Ram and Ewe National Pair. The full brother and sister are sired by Charinga Junior 12, with the same sire /dam combination producing two other broad ribbon winners. The ewe "Bendigo Princess" stole the show and was sashed

### Supreme Merino Exhibit.

I see the merino breeding industry at the cross roads of several selection and management decisions as we approach 2010.

Charinga's unrelenting focus on profitability has maintained our clients in the merino industry.

Commercial wool cuts of 8-10kgs of deeply crimped, nourished, long stapled fleece, between 19 and 21mic is common. Merinos must also reproduce and nurture their lambs so as they can promptly be marketed for meat or continue the breeding cycle.

**FREENESS, LOOSENESS and DRAPE** with nourishment, length of staple and avoiding excess skin are the key drivers at Charinga.

**BEWARE OF FLATNESS, DRYNESS, LOW FIBRE DENSITY, SHORT, STAPLES, AND SUINT (COLOUR) and STRONG PRIMARY FIBRES.**

Interesting times ahead, but by keeping our cool, we'll ensure that we continue to breed profitable merinos. **Keep seeking information.** Much AWI research is continuing on alternatives. I believe Skintraction, to be a good and real option in the future. Bare breach breeding will be investigated further as a possible part in our breeding. BUT, not at the peril of introducing tight skins and wrinkle as has been the reported experience of a fellow stud breeder.

My experience is that some stud and commercial flocks, promoted as being "non-mulesing", have sheep with plain, flat skins, and produce low wool cuts of 4-5kgs of soft dry wool.

A self replacing Charinga flock is very profitable.

- 8-10kg of greasy wool @ \$5-\$6 per kg = \$40 - \$60
- Fattened merino wether lambs @ \$70 - \$80 + wool \$40
- Classed out and aged ewes - mated to terminal sires. Wool 8kg @ \$6 = \$48
- Plus \$ 80 + for the lamb
- \$50 - \$60 for mutton at the end of their commercial life. Good merino ewes are returning in excess of \$100 annually.

\* Please note - All sheep at Charinga are OJD vaccinated with a score 9.

### **BREEDERS PLEASE REMEMBER**

- This year's sire selection and matings will impact on lambs in 2009.
- They will be 1 year old in 2010
- And finally, your BREEDERS in 2011 impacting on lambing and returns.
- The outlook for heavy cutting, fertile, medium wool merinos is excellent.

### **BE PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE**

*Roger Polkinghorne*



# SIX GENERATIONS OF IMPACT SIRES

The “His Majesty” family dates back to a famous  
Collinsville “His Majesty” ram, purchased by  
Banavie Merino Stud in the 1960’s

Big Bold  
Sons for  
the 2009  
Ram Sale  
see them  
at our  
Open Day



**HIS MAJESTY  
WHITE 10**



**JR 12 - 119 - 060022  
BIG TOM**



**CHARINGA “MUNCHY”  
His Majesty HM 10-398**



**H.M. JUNIOR 12-119  
(040119)**



**H.M. JUNIOR**



**H.M. JUNIOR 12  
(020012)**

# CHARINGA SEMEN SIRES

## JR 12 - 119 - 060022 "BIG TOM"



**DROP DATE** APRIL 2006 **ET BRED**

**SIRE** JR 12 - 040119

**DAM** COR 181 -040080 ET EWE

TEST DATE	MICRON	S.D.	C.V.	FIBRES > 30 mic
JULY 2007	20.1	3.2	16.2%	0.6%
JULY 2008	20.8	3.3	16.3%	

### BODY WEIGHT

JULY 2007	117 kg
JULY 2008	132 kg paddock run

### COMMENTS

This young sire at 15 months of age weighed a massive 117 kg from the paddock with lambs teeth. He has tremendous bone and structural balance.

"BIG TOM" has bold crimping, long stapled, bright, lustrous wool and there is plenty of KGS there to sell. 'BIG TOM' has been used extensively in AI breeding programs at Charinga, Banavie and Gowandale. Progeny are big, bold, and quick maturing.

## JR 12 - 119 - 060013 "PEARLER"



**DROP DATE** APRIL 2006 **ET BRED**

**SIRE** JR 12 - 040119

**DAM** DOC 004

TEST DATE	MICRON	S.D.	C.V.	FIBRES > 30 mic
JULY 2007	18.6	2.7	14.7%	0.1%
JULY 2008	18.7	3.0	15.3%	0.3%

### BODY WEIGHT

JULY 2007	97 kg
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### COMMENTS

A unique wool sire with exceptional bone. His pearly white wool is very long stapled, boldly crimped, beautifully aligned, lustrous and richly nourished. This is reflected in his exceptionally loose, soft, free skin. A very big plain framed sire with a great outlook and a broad, pure, silky soft muzzle.

Used extensively at Charinga, Banavie and Gowandale. Progeny are big with nourished, soft, bright wool.

## JUNIOR 12- 040119



**DROP DATE** MARCH 2004 **ET BRED**

**SIRE** JUNIOR 12

**DAM** BANAVIE RED 009

TEST DATE	MICRON	S.D.	C.V.	FIBRES > 30 mic
JULY 2005	17.1	2.4	14.0%	0%
JULY 2006	17.5	2.7	15.0%	0%
JULY 2007	17.4	2.5	14.9%	0%

### BODY WEIGHT

JULY 2005	93 kg
JULY 2006	132 kg
JULY 2007	135 kg

### COMMENTS

A Junior 12 son with very good bone, structure and balance. A wool sire with silky softness, great character, brightness and density. Full brother to "Juddy" sold to WA for \$32000

The sire of the 2008 Supreme Exhibit at Bendigo - Boonoke B6.124

# CHARINGA SEMEN SIRES

## JUNIOR 020012 "JUNIOR 12"



**DROP DATE** MAY 2002 **E.T BRED**

**SIRE JUNIOR**

**DAM DAVID 778 (JUNE 1998 DROP)** A big upstanding ewe with clean points, deeply crimped, long stapled, richly nourished white wool. Used extensively in E.T. Shorn August 1999, cut 12.7kg (27.9lb) 20.4 micron, 12 months wool.

TEST DATE	MICRON	S.D.	C.V.	FIBRES > 30mic
JULY 2003	18.6	2.5	13.5%	0.3%
JULY 2004	20.3	2.9	15.0%	0.7%
JULY 2005	20.9	3.0	14.9%	0.8%

### BODY WEIGHT

JULY 2004	127 kg
JULY 2005	136 kg

### COMMENTS

An outstanding young His Majesty sire. He stands tall and square. He has a great head and a pure, silky soft, broad muzzle. His skin is free and loose, growing an exceptional staple length of lustrous, deeply crimped medium wool. **ONE OF THE BEST CHARINGA HAS BRED**

Over 10,000 doses semen sold throughout Australia  
**Sire of 2007 National Pairs and Supreme merino exhibit at Bendigo.**  
 And many other champions throughout Australia over the years.

## SOVEREIGN 177-133- 030001 "LENNY"



**DROP DATE** JANUARY 2003 **E.T BRED**

**SIRE SOV 177-103 ET BRED (sold to W.A for \$26,000)**

**DAM DOC 004 ET BRED** A structurally outstanding ewe with excellent head & muzzle. White crimped medium wool.

TEST DATE	MICRON	S.D.	C.V.	FIBRES > 30mic
JULY 2004	19.8	3.2	16.3%	0.4%
JULY 2005	18.9	2.6	14.0%	0%
JULY 2006	19.1	3.3	17.0%	0.8%
JULY 2007	18.3	2.7	14.0%	0.1%

### BODY WEIGHT

JULY 2004	101 kg
JULY 2005	132 kg
JULY 2006	132 kg

### COMMENTS

An outstanding ram, structurally very correct, excellent backend, long body, good open head, excellent horns, pure muzzle. He has a well aligned, white, well nourished, lustrous, medium wool with good density. An outstanding carcass sire with exceptional constitution and plain body.

## SOVEREIGN 160- 040009 "REGGIE"



## SOVEREIGN 160 - 040009 "REGGIE"

**DROP DATE** MARCH 2004 **ET BRED**

**SIRE SOVEREIGN 160**

**DAM HM BROWN 221- CHAMPION FINE/MED FLEECE BENDIGO 2005**

TEST DATE	MICRON	S.D.	C.V.	FIBRES > 30 mic
JULY 2005	19.7	3.3	16.0%	0.3%
JULY 2006	18.8	3.3	16.0%	0.2%
JULY 2007	18.2	2.9	15.9%	0.2%

### BODY WEIGHT

JULY 2005	111 kg
JULY 2006	140 kg
JULY 2007	140 kg

### COMMENTS

A sire with great structure, outlook & frame. His deeply crimped wool has excellent density and staple length. A sire well suited to the wheat/sheep belt and pastoral areas of Australia.

# CHARINGA SEMEN SIRES

## NEW AT CHARINGA



### BUDDY 23

#### Family Tree

JC&S Lustre 53  
 (sold for \$450,000 Adelaide 1989)  
 J & F Lustre 03  
 J & F Lustre 13  
 J & F Lustre 76  
 J & F Lustre 13  
 J & F Lustre 23 - Moss  
 Lustre 53 - EH Plugger  
 Lustre 23 - EH Buddy 23

**\$ 40,000 Ram - 1/2 Share sold by East Bungaree to Charinga & Banavie**  
**BUDDY 23**

**DROP DATE JUNE 2007**

**SIRE EAST BUNGAREE LUSTRE 53 "PLUGGER"**

TEST DATE	MICRON	S.D.	C.V.	FIBRES> 30mic	BODY WEIGHT
JULY 2008	19.3	3.0	15.5%	0.3%	98 kg (12.5 months still has lambs teeth)

#### COMMENTS

Chosen for his presence, quietness and great out look, along with his great width through the body, wide deep chest and big rump. His wool is bright, nourished, beautifully aligned and deeply crimped. A young sire with great constitution, exceptional structural soundness and impressive pedigree. SEMEM AVAILABLE

## CHARINGA ET EWES

**At Charinga we never underestimate the importance of the female in breeding. Their contribution to the gene pool is of paramount importance, whether breeding sires for our own use or rams for sale, to impact on flocks across Australia.**

### WHITE DOC 002



**DROP DATE JUNE 1999 E.T. BRED**  
**SIRE THE DOC (H.M. WHITE 398-005)**  
**DAM PURPLE 312**

TEST DATE	MICRON	S.D.	C.V.	FIBRES> 30mic
MAY 2001	18.7	3.4	18.2%	0.6%
APRIL 2002	19.2	3.0	15.6%	0.3%
SEPT 2002	18.9	3.4	18.0%	0.5%
JULY 2004	19.6	3.4	17.4%	0.4%
JULY 2005	18.3			
JULY 2006	18.2	3.2	16.9%	0.4%
JULY 2007	18.3	3.1	16.4%	0.4%

#### BODY WEIGHT

JULY 2004	106 kg
JULY 2007	103 kg

#### SHORN

Open Day 2000	cut 13.8kg (30.5lbs)
Oct 2002	cut 14.6kgs (32lbs)

#### COMMENTS

An exceptionally big, long ewe which consistently cuts copious quantities of 18-19 micron wool. A fine example of great constitution, excellent skin and commercial balance.

## Stud Features



- Super soft wool
- Brilliant lustre
- Deep well defined crimp
- Long bundly fleeces
- High elasticity
- White wool with rich nourishment
- Superior Processing wools

## Stud Highlights

	WEDDERBURN WOOL EXPO	ON PROPERTY AUCTION SALES	RAM SALES	TOP PRICES	SEMEN SALES
1995	Av. \$5,295 10 rams				
1996	Av. \$3,900 6 rams	Av. \$1,906 50 Rams	285 Rams	\$15,000	1,150 doses
1997		Av. \$2,922 60 Rams	310 Rams	\$16,000 \$13,000	4,168 doses
1998	Av. \$2,233 3 rams	Av. \$2,808 58 Rams	220 Rams	\$11,000 \$11,000	3,832 doses
1999	Av. \$2,000 4 rams	Av. \$3,053 56 Rams	300 Rams	\$26,000 \$16,000	17,800 Doses
2000		Av. \$4,646 61 Rams	403 Rams	\$26,000	10,075 doses
2001		Av. \$4,010 70 Rams	443 Rams	\$30,000 \$18,500	6,680 doses
2002		Av. \$3,061 56 Rams	216 Rams	\$10,000 \$9,000x2	5,500 doses
2003		Av. \$2,563 80 Rams	258 Rams	\$16,000	3,622 doses
2004		Av. \$3,240 80 Rams	168 Rams	\$17,000 \$15,000	6,122 doses
2005		Av. \$2,887 80 Rams	245 Rams	\$32,000	7,257 doses
2006		Av. \$2,611 72 Rams	210 Rams	\$15,000	5299 doses
2007		Av. \$2695 73 Rams	243 Rams	\$7,500	5028 doses

## CHARINGA SEMEN SIRES

# CHARINGA POLLS

We believe through using the best ewes and rams available it will allow the polls to become a bigger part of the business as the demand grows for these sheep.

Charinga Poll has taken the opportunity through ET and AI to improve its nucleus and the results have been outstanding. By using rams from Charinga and half Charinga X blood, the lambs have good skins and soft white wool without losing size and structure.

We are very excited about the progeny and believe they will continue on.

The polls are becoming more and more popular as people are looking for an easier care sheep with all the virtues of horned genetics but no horns to make maintenance and handling the animals easier.

250 Special and Double stud poll ewes were purchased from The Bluff, SA.

The Raynors stud stock are renowned for their structural soundness, soft, bright wool and their good cutting ability.

Progeny will be available in 2009



### POLL BLUEPRINT 4020

**DROP DATE** APRIL 2004 **AI BRED**

**SIRE** BLUEPRINT  
**DAM** L 442-50 SpSp

<b>TEST DATE</b>	<b>MICRON</b>	<b>S.D.</b>	<b>C.V.</b>	<b>FIBRES &gt; 30 mic</b>
JULY 2005	20.9	3.4	17.0%	0.6%
JULY 2006	21	3.5	18.0%	0.7%
JULY 2007	20.9	3.4	17.6 %	0.5%

#### COMMENTS

A big upstanding young poll sire, which is a son of 2003 Australian Supreme Merino, Junior Blueprint. He is also a grandson of Junior.



### POLL JUNIOR 12 - 060006

**DROP DATE** APRIL 2006 **AI BRED**

**SIRE** JUNIOR 12  
**DAM** HM 80-11-78

<b>TEST DATE</b>	<b>MICRON</b>	<b>S.D.</b>	<b>C.V.</b>	<b>FIBRES &gt; 30 mic</b>
JULY 2007	19.6	3.0	15.4%	0.4%

#### COMMENTS

A big stretchy young shire with a very good outlook and structure. His pure silky muzzle is an indication of his long stapled, richly nourished lustrous medium wool.

# WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY

**STUART W HODGSON OAM**  
MERINO SPECIALIST  
LANDMARK AUSTRALIA  
MOBILE 0427 908 831

"I have purchased Charinga rams on behalf of my clients for a period of 13 years, these sheep have gone into a variety of climatic and pastoral conditions.

I had been attracted to the Charinga bloodline for it's ability to not only cut optimum wool weights of highly crimped stylish wools that process so well, but also give a desirable body shape, these two important genetic body traits are of paramount importance to the future of our merino industry and coupled together they provide an animal of dual purpose suitability.

I have been impressed with the genetic improvement Charinga sires have delivered and feel they are an important building block in the direction our industry must take."

**GILBERT COCHRANE**  
AXEDALE-VICTORIA  
(03) 5439 7490

"This year will mark our 17th year on the Charinga bloodline. I am proud to have been associated with Roger and Donna, and their family members over this time. During this time a lot of different influences have impacted on the merino industry, a lot of new breeding technology adopted, and a lower than desired wool price.

Fortunately Charinga sheep remain as productive as ever. Roger always kept commercial returns for his clients as a focus in his breeding programs.

Roger always gives a very honest assessment of our sheep, enabling us to select rams that will enhance the long term aims of our breeding program.

Long stapled, heavy, cutting, deeply crimped very nourished wool, on a big easy framed animal, is Charinga's trade mark, giving us the opportunities for a

return from either wool or meat. Ease of lambing is a hidden bonus.

The foresight to begin a White Suffolk stud reflects his client's needs for a mix of merino and prime lamb in their operations. In the current Merinos to Match bloodline trial at Elmore site, Charinga sheep lead the way for body and fleece weights, while being average for micron."



**STEPHEN & MARY**  
**SATTERTHWAITE**  
MULLER STATION , NEW ZEALAND  
0011 64 3 5757044

We imported two Charinga rams in 2005 and single sire mated each to 120 selected ewes. The resulting two generations of progeny have been outstanding, particularly their predictability and evenness of type.

Wool quality, especially fibre alignment and handle, superbly suit our wool contracts with the NZ Merino Co.

85% of the 2006 born females have been retained to stud (classed by Stuart Hodgson) and we were so impressed with their brothers that we culled our entire ram battery and mated all our commercial ewes, this autumn, with exclusively Charinga sired 2 year old rams.

# WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY

## GLEN RUBIE

LACHLAN MERINOS, FORBES, N.S.W.  
(02) 6857 2118

We've been breeding our own rams through AI for 18 years and have continually been looking during this time throughout NSW and Victoria for an impact type of sheep to complement our flock.

We have found that Charinga sheep are what we've been searching for with great combination of frame, softness, cut and luster, having a very positive overall impact on our flock.

We feel privileged that Roger has shared his knowledge and immeasurable breeding skills with us, helping to direct us into the future. We have no hesitation in recommending Charinga sheep and Roger's honest and generous advice.

## DOUG & VAL BEST

GOODNIGHT, N.S.W.  
(03) 5038 2260

"The impact that Charinga has had on our sheep and micron has been very exciting. Our association with Charinga began in 1997 with artificial insemination.

It has been very satisfying to watch soft bundly, deep, well defined crimp wool evolve in our flock. Since the Charinga influence, our sheep have been able to hold their microns, on a predominantly sub-clover pasture base.

Interestingly, our ram group has also been able to hold and often decrease their micron with age.

We are extremely pleased with the direction Charinga is taking our sheep."

## CLAUDETTE & GERALD WOODHOUSE

MYACK MERINO STUD, FOUNDED 1934,  
FLOCK NO: 1291, TARCUTTA .N.S.W.  
PHONE (02) 6928 7156

After the wool crash of the 1990's we knew we had to find the genetics that would increase the frame and wool cut of our fine wool sheep to meet our clients new demands for dual-purpose merinos, as they could no longer rely on their wool cheque. We were even prepared to accept an increase in micron to achieve this end. In 1998 we attended a "Charinga" field day and discovered the genetics we had spent 10 years searching for. We were careful at first, using a number of "Charinga" AI sires under Roger's honest, skilled and steadfast classing advise. It was no mean feat to transfer these sheep to a normally high rainfall area of 28 inches but we couldn't be happier with the resulting progeny and have to date purchased two stud rams and continued to use AI sires, they have performed in both very wet conditions and the worst drought years in history. The two stud sires that we purchased actually **decreased** in micron from around 20 micron on sale day, to a consistent 16.4 to 17 micron and our oldest stud ram is now 9 years old and still going strong (fine). The results in our stud ewes from 1999 to 2006 speak for themselves; our micron has **decreased** from 19.8 to 17.4, our wool cut has

**increased** from an average 5 kg to 6.6kg. All this on a much larger framed and clean faced sheep that produce super soft wool with great lustre and a deep crimp. We believe that "Charinga" merinos have the genetics we were searching for and have proven themselves in our flock with all the above qualities and confidently recommend them to other producers.

# WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY

## **DAVID MORGAN**

**SHEEP AND WOOL CONSULTANT**

**MOBILE 0408 178 498**

“Charinga bloodlines are being used extensively through out Australia. I can only comment on the clients around Stawell, St.Arnaud and Woodside, Victoria who use these rams with remarkable success.

Large framed sheep, with a long staple or deep crimping white wool and cuts up to 9 kg—highly Productive.

It is imperative today to produce quantity and quality. There are no better sheep for this purpose than Charinga bloodlines.

With mutton and live export prices so good, the top merino wether value is over \$100 per head.

It interests me that this spring there are very good contract prices for merino lambs, but they need to be large framed and heavy.”

## **WILCOX CLASSING & MANAGEMENT**

**JIM WILCOX, SWAN HILL- VICTORIA**

**MOBILE 0428 500 050**

“DD Kaylock & Co of Moulamein NSW started their association with Charinga buying rams 7 years ago. The flock was 23.5 to 24 mic and getting stronger.

Peter Kaylock & Shaun Collins approached me and asked what they should do to turn this strong wool slide around. After classing the ewes for the first time I suggested the Charinga Stud. We were looking for free growing, stylish (crimpy) lustrous wools on large frame sheep that would survive the harsh times, the Charinga rams certainly fitted this criteria.

We have purchased rams from the Charinga sale and also at private selection in the \$1,000 to \$2,000 price range.

In the last 3 years in particular we have reduced the adult sheep micron from 23.5 to 21.5 and increased the fleece weight by ½ a kilo we are also getting high lambing percentages ( 90 to 100%).”

## **JULIANNE BOAK**

**AGRI-BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT,**

**MOBILE 0438 416 176.**

“The Polkinghorne’s are passionate about their sheep, their clients, the wool industry and the business of farming. The industry has aspired to breeding a large framed dual purpose merino sheep that maintains both wool quality & cut.

The Polkinghorne Group can be congratulated for having achieved to breed such a sheep.

Over many years they have utilized their skills in sheep breeding/classing and continually sought out new technologies in genetics to breed the dual purpose

merino sheep suited to most grazing areas in Australia and overseas countries such as New Zealand, South Africa and Argentina.

The Charinga and Banavie ‘brand’ sheep continue to produce soft handling, deep crimping, high lustrous wools sought out by wool industry manufacturers.

Wool industry manufacturers will seek out opportunities to purchase these ‘branded’ wools now and into the future at a premium price because they recognize that these wools have excellent spinning qualities with low to nil wastage.

The wool industry will also need to continue to revitalize consumer awareness of wool. This in turn will assist in increasing consumer demand for high quality fashionable wool garments in the very competitive world of fashion.”

## PRESENT SITUATION

- 2,100 Registered stud ewe
  - 400 Registered poll ewes
  - 20 sires
  - 500 rams on offer
  - 100 Poll rams on offer
  - 10 year average ewes 20.6
  - All breeding stud ewes 20.4 microns
  - Over the past 11 years we have
- conducted extensive A.I. and E.T. programs with outstanding results.
  - Average rainfall of 18 inches (450mm)
  - Soil type - light granite
  - Semen from Charinga's top sires is available and has been sold to Stud and commercial breeders in: W.A., N.S.W., S.A., Qld., Vic., Tas., New Zealand and Argentina

### TOM PADBURY STUD ADVISOR



We have known Tom for many years, as he and the late Neil McLennan were great friends and colleagues. We have enjoyed working with Tom over recent years. He is very good at imparting his knowledge to us and our clients. His vast knowledge of the merino industry globally, and that of the Charinga and Banavie families particularly, based on his previous work with Collinsville and Art Collins, have made him a welcome addition to the team.

**CHARINGA GIVES YOU  
MORE BODY WEIGHT + MORE EYE MUSCLE  
+ MORE CLEAN FLEECE WEIGHT + MORE WOOL  
= MORE \$\$\$\$**



Banavie Merino Stud was purchased on a walk in, walk out basis, when after 60 years of dedicated breeding by Neil and Beth McLennan, Neil passed away in 2001.

Banavie has influenced many of the progressive stud and commercial flocks in the industry, having sold rams, ewes and semen to every state in Australia and semen to New Zealand.

Embryo transfer, embryo splitting, artificial insemination and pregnancy testing are just some of the tools used extensively at Banavie to improve the product to the industry.

Tim now resides at Banavie and we will continue the tradition of our friend and mentor and service existing and new clients from "Banavie", Marnoo - Donald Road, Marnoo.

# WINNERS CIRCLE



**Congratulations Boonoke** for taking out the Supreme Exhibit / Grand Champion Ram / Grand Champion Medium Wool Ram from Bendigo - B6.124. Sire Charinga 119 and Dam B2.613 x Charinga Munchy 3. And for your success with B6.112 Grand Champion Strong Wool Ram and W7.011 Champion March Shorn Medium Wool Ram. Well done and for being named the Most Successful Merino Exhibitor.

“The 155kg ram’s huge structure, scale and coverage cemented Boonoke as a contender for supreme Merino exhibit early on ..... Medium wool judge Peter Harker, Roselea, Muckadilla, Queensland, said the Boonoke sire was “the kind of ram that only comes along every 10 OR 20 years”.

“He has tremendous depth of body and a brilliant fleece that carries all the way through.” ET-bred by Charinga Junior 119 and from the Riverina ewe of the year (a Munchie 3 daughter), the ram first rose to prominence when it won the supreme title at the Hay Sheep Show in May.

He carried a 20.5 micron fleece with measurements of 2.5 for standard deviation (SD), a co-efficient of variation of 12.2 (CV) and a 99.6 per cent comfort factor (CF). “ quoted from Stock & Land article July 24,2008 .



Right: Grand Champion Strong Wool Ram B6.112

Left: Champion March Shorn Medium Wool Ram W7.011



# WINNERS CIRCLE

It was an exciting time for Charinga when two of our clients fought it out in the final judging the show ring.

Boonoke's future supreme exhibit won the open ram classes going on to take out champion and grand champion titles, but East Strathglen put up strong competition in the open classes, winning reserve ram. The positions were reversed in the ewe classes where East Strathglen took out grand champion merino ewe and Boonoke taking out the reserve.

Congratulations to the Sprigg family, **East Strathglen** for Grand Champion Merino Ewe, Grand Champion medium merino ewe, Grand Champion fine/medium Merino Ram both sired by Charinga Junior 12.



East Strathglen Prince–Wagin Woolarama supreme exhibit and reserve champion medium wool Merino ram - Bendigo 2008



Bendigo Grand champion Merino ewe, East Strathglen Princess II (Full sister to East Strathglen Princess)



Bendigo 2008 Grand champion fine/medium wool ram –East Strathglen George

## 2007 National Pairs sired by Charinga sire



Photo courtesy of Farm Weekly

## 2007 BENDIGO SHEEP AND WOOL SHOW

Congratulations to Roland, Elizabeth and Rohan Sprigg, East Strathglen Merino Stud, Tambellup, WA on winning the Merino Ram and Ewe National Pair. The full brother and sister are sired by Charinga Junior 12, with the same sire /dam combination producing two other broad ribbon winners. The ewe "Bendigo Princess" stole the show being sashed **Supreme Merino Exhibit.**

**Congratulations** also go to

The Mortlock family on their wins - champion Medium fleece and most valuable fleece in the commercial section.

The Walpole family 3rd in the strong wool section at Bendigo.

Barloo on winning the medium two tooth section at Katanning, WA with a huge ram sired by Charinga 040119.

Condolences also to the House Family on the recent passing of Fred House who founded Barloo.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



The Gowandale ewes are well settled on their new property "Grittleton" 3500 acres to the immediate west of Charinga.

The sale rams for this year are October 2007 drop, well grown, long stapled and plain bodied. A selection of 250 is available for selection this year.

Lambing has been completed in June so more mature rams can be presented for sale in 2009.

Sires used in both AI and natural matings have exceptional bone, deep bodies and free, long stapled, soft wool with nourishment.

Lambing percentages are very good and young ram lambs have not been muled and are progressing well.

Last years Auction in conjunction with the Cameron family was very pleasing. The top price ram sold for \$6,000 and an overall average of \$1100.

This year the on property auction will be held at Charinga. It will be on Monday October 6th and will follow immediately on after the Charinga Sale.

Gowandale sheep will be on display at the Bendigo Sheep Show 18th –20th July and at Hamilton Sheepvention 4th and 5th of August.

**Remember**

**Open Day**

**Friday September 26th at Charinga**

**On Property Auction**

**Monday October 6th at Charinga**



**TOP PRICE RAM**  
 Charinga 2007 top price ram  
 sold to  
 ME & GN Mortlock,  
 Crystal Palace Merino Stud,  
 Dunluce, Vic  
 for \$7,500  
 The 2007 sale was evenly priced  
 with 73 rams selling for an aver-  
 age of \$2,695

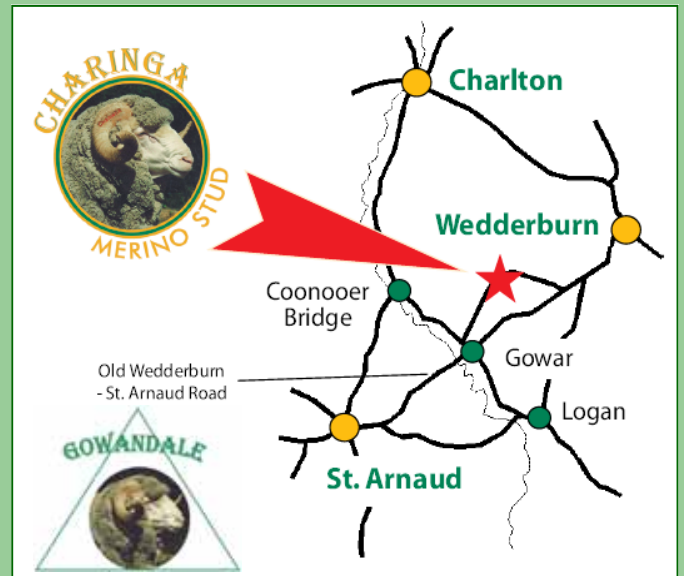
**Inspection Day**  
**FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER, 2008**

10.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.  
 All On Property Sale Rams  
 penned insale order with current tests,  
 body weights and ages.

**On Property Sale**  
**MONDAY 6th OCTOBER, 2008**

Inspection from 10.00 a.m.  
 Sale starts 1.00 p.m.

**Private Selection**  
 From mid OCTOBER



A lot has happened at Charinga in the past 12 months. We welcome two new additions to our family.

On September 3rd 2007 Ryan Michael Bigmore was born to Fiona and Zane. AND  
 On March 8th 2008 Tim married Karina Bird in the garden at Charinga.