

# GLEN DEVON

## Poll Dorset Prime Lamb Sires



*Glen Devon rams*

### Welcome

A great comedian once proclaimed, "My grandfather predicted the weather would be unpredictable years before it happened!"

We have certainly seen a lot of variance in the last decade but from our perspective the flow on from last year's extreme dryness continued into the start of this year with feeding of the sheep being a necessity. However, we did get a relatively early break and after a period of just hanging on, positives have now really started to grow. The sheep are certainly appreciating this and are responding and doing well.

Our cropping program of wheat, barley, faba beans and oaten hay is looking promising at this stage, but as we all know, spring rains will be critical.

There is no better time to be in the sheep industry than at present with record prices. This also means there has never been a greater margin in proceeds from top performing rams and their lesser counterparts. If numbers nationally can be rebuilt, there should be very good opportunity for everyone involved into the foreseeable future. We are certainly trying to do our bit in producing rams that can greatly improve your prime lamb margins.

We continue to work diligently on improving the genetic quality of the Glen Devon flock and the rams we produce.

We are proud of our sheep and trust they will meet your requirements. Thus we invite you to our 2019 Poll Dorset ram sale, held annually on the Monday of the 3rd week of September. We hope the season is treating you all well and also hope to enjoy your company on sale day.

**Glen Devon annual on-property ram sale**

**Monday September 16th 2019 - 1pm**

**Inspection from 11am - off Richardson Rd, Two Wells**

**Offering 100 rams including 8 specially selected stud rams**

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## Sale Report

*The following is an abbreviated report on our successful 2018 on-property ram sale that appeared in the press.*

### **Loyal clients give Glen Devon big lift**

Volume, capacity, doing ability, muscling and constitution were descriptions regularly given by Landmark auctioneer Gordon Wood to describe the terrific line-up of 100 Glen Devon Poll Dorset rams as they came through the sale ring at the Hart family's annual ram sale at Two Wells.

In a gallery dominated by repeat buyers from three states, these were attributes that most were familiar with. Such was the bidding strength of a key group of regulars, that few others got a serious look in. In line with the current buoyancy of the lamb industry, the strong bidding resulted in a total clearance of the 100 rams, to a top of \$2400 and at a wonderful average of \$1537.

This was a big lift of \$333 on last year's result and was built on the back of very strong commercial demand.

The sale commenced with the offering of eight specially selected rams. Robin Steen, PPH & S Naracoorte successfully bid \$2000 on behalf of Haydn Lines, Benealla stud, Keith for the first ram offered, GD 170145Tw that stood third in the pairs class at the recent Adelaide Royal.

Brenton Lush and his son Nathan, Corriedale Hills stud, Inman Valley came specifically to purchase lot 3, GD 170276, sired by Leenala 150007, having an EMA EBV of 2.2 and a C+ index of 200.3. He was able to secure it with a \$2200 bid, so he then bid to the sale top of \$2400 for lot 5, GD 170361Tw by Derrynock 140015.

"Both these rams are very good for early growth, body length and the clean points that we are looking for, plus they offer different outcross bloodlines, so we are very happy to have picked up two rams within our budget range," Brenton said.



*This \$2400 top priced ram was one of four purchased by stud breeders. It is held by purchaser Brenton Lush, Corriedale Hills, Inman Valley who is with Glen Devon's Rob Hart, Nathan Lush and Landmark auctioneer Gordon Wood.*

Splitting them was GD 170379, sired by Kentish Downs 150467, the ram that carried the three-coloured ribbon

for Junior Champion ram at the Adelaide Royal. Michael Cook, Bsarma Farming, Minlaton won the right to take this impressive July drop ram home with just a \$2200 bid.

The eight specially selected lots averaged \$2125, with the other four going to commercial clients.

Two strong regulars started their purchasing on these lots. Lloyd Mudge, Pt Wakefield bid to \$2200 in picking up six top rams at a \$1470 average, completing his purchasing by lot 27. Going one better was Jim Downer, Mt Beevor P/L, Nairne. In purchasing seven rams to a top of \$2100, he picked the eyes out of the top lots and averaged \$1871. Similarly, he finished his purchasing at lot 29.

Nanni DiGiorgio, S & R DiGiorgio and buying through PPH & S Naracoorte's Robin Steen, started his buying account at lot 8 for \$2000 and completed bidding on the very last lot at \$1300. He was once again the biggest individual buyer with 22 rams at a \$1655 average.

Keeping everyone on their toes and the strong bidding going was BR & C Ouyen agent, Darren Old. Operating for four clients on this occasion, Darren purchased 34 rams in total, paying to \$2000 and averaging \$1435.

Bringing the third state into play was AWN Goulburn agent, Denis Hewitt. Buying for 3 clients in that NSW region, he purchased 6 rams.

Adam and Leanne Jamieson, Adalis Pastoral, Snowtown, also longer-term regular buyers bid on 10 at a \$1260 average in the auction and were then able to get the balance of their requirements from the stud's private selection rams post sale.

In thanking everyone for their great support once again, Lachlan Hart said they were very pleased with how the rams had presented, despite the tough season.

"We are exceptionally pleased with the level of support we have received today. We never take that support for granted, but it is wonderful when we get an endorsement of our breeding program like we have today."

"We have deliberately not joined the race to produce the highest figured sheep, but instead aim to produce functional, highly fertile and active sheep that offer higher performance with consistency and durability, ensuring buyers can get longer productive breeding life and value out of the rams they purchase," he said.



*Glen Devon principal Lachlan Hart (3rd right) is pictured with a group of dominant buyers that collectively accounted for 73% of the ram purchases. They are Darren Old, BR & C, Ouyen; Leanne Jamieson, Adalis Pastoral, Snowtown; Jim Downer, Mt Beevor P/L, Nairne; and Nanni DiGiorgio, Lucindale and his buying agent, Robin Steen, PPH & S Naracoorte.*

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