



**TOWONGA**

MERINO & POLL MERINO STUD

**DARRIWELL**  
POLL MERINO STUD

**2026**

# YOUR PARTNER IN BREEDING SUCCESS

Superior dual-purpose Merinos producing premium wool and robust, fertile frames for maximum profitability.



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## Combining Two Production Powerhouses

# ON PROPERTY RAM SALE

**Thursday 24 September 2026**

'Rachelvale' 5502 Newell Hwy  
PEAK HILL NSW

### OPEN DAY

Thursday 10 September 2026  
Sale Rams on Display 11am - 2pm

### 160 RAMS TO BE OFFERED

Inspections from 9.30am  
Auction 1pm

### ACTING AGENTS

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**SCHUTE BELL BADGERY LUMBY**  
Brett Douglas - 0448 296 392  
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# OUR STORY



Welcome to Towonga, a progressive sheep farming enterprise in the Central West of New South Wales, operated by Garry and Donna Kopp alongside their sons Shaun and Rohan.

Spanning 6500 hectares across three properties at Peak Hill and Parkes, Towonga Merino & Poll Merino Stud runs more than 4200 breeding Merino ewes in conjunction with 3500 hectares of broadacre cropping. The family's focus is on balancing profitable broadacre farming with a modern Stud Merino operation, while continually breeding sheep that meet the demands of today's industry.

A clear breeding vision, combined with a genuine passion for their sheep, is reflected in the quality and consistency of the Towonga flock. Extensive data collection, including maiden ewe fleece and carcass measurements, underpins all breeding decisions and provides clients with confidence in the performance of the animals they purchase. Through careful visual classing and measured selection, Towonga has stabilised its wool clip at an average of 19–20 micron without compromising fertility, structure or overall productivity. Sale rams also undergo additional Eye Muscle and Fat scanning to further strengthen sire selection.



**DARRIWELL**  
POLL MERINO STUD

In 2024, Darriwell Poll Merino Stud joined Towonga Merino Stud, bringing together two highly respected and long-established Merino breeding programs.

Following a successful first 12 months, the partnership has continued to strengthen the reputation and performance of both studs while maintaining their individual bloodlines. Russell and Jenny Jones remain actively involved in the operation through stud and client classing, along with ongoing advisory roles within the stud program.



# SIRES WITH INFLUENCE

At Towonga, our breeding objectives have consistently prioritised enhancing productivity in wool yield, carcase quality, fertility, and overall constitution. Our Horn families reliably exhibit these traits, and it is worth highlighting that our Poll families are also ahead of the industry, excelling in all traits, particularly wool cut.

Through a focus on breeding for early maturity, we have achieved strong results in efficiently turning over surplus stock with minimal supplementary feeding while also maintaining excellent staple length, adding only more profit to this dual-purpose animal.



## Towonga 68

Sire: RP19-0068

Dam: Towonga 18-1032

Micron: 18.6 | SD: 2.9 | CV: 15.6 | CF: 99.6

This ram was awarded Reserve Grand Champion March Shorn Ram at the Dubbo National Merino Show, 2022, finishing second only to the winning Australian Supreme Ram. Towonga 68 is the driver to our fine/medium wool horn stud. He was shown as a hogget. His one outing was Dubbo Nationals and he was then turned out to stud. He has a robust frame and loose skin that produces soft, white wool designed to fill bales.



## Towonga 23-0013 ET Bred

Sire: Collinsville 351

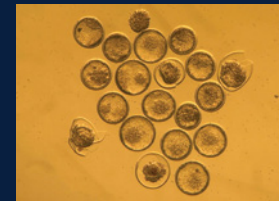
Dam: Col 21-0052

Micron: 18.7 | SD: 2.6 | CV: 13.9 | CF: 99.9

The Towonga breeding program has meticulously selected this ET-bred ram. His size, body, and wool quality surpass most of his peers. He had an outstanding 2024 show season, winning the Marra Hogget of the Year and the Grand Champion Strong Wool Ram at the Dubbo Nationals 2024.

# DIRECTION OF THE STUD

At Towonga, we are continually striving to advance the genetic performance of our flock by utilising our elite stud ewe base to breed highly productive, commercially relevant animals.



Through our ongoing partnership with Francois and Lynn from Ovatec-Dubbo, we implement Artificial Insemination (AI) and Embryo Transfer (ET) programs throughout the year to accelerate genetic progress and achieve our breeding objectives.



## Collinsville 24-2016

Sire: Collinsville Imperial 333

Dam: Col 19-0537

Micron: 19.4 | SD: 3.0 | CV: 15.7 | CF: 99.5

Purchased in 2025, Collinsville 24-0016 continues the proven Collinsville Imperial bloodline. An outstanding hogget, he was part of the winning March Shorn Pair at the Australian Sheep & Wool Show, Bendigo 2025. Combining a powerful, well-muscled carcase with excellent bone, wool quality and overall finish, he stood out for his balance, structure and sire appeal.



## Collinsville 21-5121

Sire: Collinsville Imperial 17-0521

Dam: Col 16-0098

Micron: 20.5 | SD: 3.0 | CV: 14.6 | CF: 99.7

Purchased privately for \$50,000, this ram, born in September 2021, boasts a micron of 205 and was crowned the prestigious Ram of the Year at the Elders SA Stud Merino Expo held in Burra, SA. With remarkable carcase quality, superior skin, and excellent wool quality, we are thrilled with the impact he has had on our breeding program as we embrace modern Merino genetics.

# CLIENT SUCCESS



**Cranley & Georgie Gowing**  
Darrivell Client, first Trundle Ewe Competition.



Winners of the Trundle Ewe Competition, followed by second place in the Central West Merino Flock Ewe Competition.

## NSW STATE FLOCK EWE COMPETITION



**Cranley and Georgie Gowing**  
Champion Flock Ewe.



Champion pen of five ewes - The Crouch Family's Karu Pastoral, Condobolin.



**Orange Field Days 2025**  
Champion Strong Wool Ewe Fleece, Cranley and Georgie Gowing.



**Orange Field Days 2025**  
Champion Medium Wool Ewe Fleece and The Supreme Fleece went to Boomey Park.



**Nyngan Show 2026**  
Andrew George "Tarrion" Brewarrina gained the most valuable fleece of the show at the 2026 Nyngan Show.



**Dubbo Nationals, Peak Hill & Parkes Show 2025**  
Unbeaten Ewe fleece, exhibited by Towonga.



**Australian Sheep and Wool Show Bendigo 2025**  
Ashley and Tina Currans Reserve Champion Strong Wool Exhibit.

# 2025 ON-PROPERTY RESULTS

The 2025 On-Property Ram Sale marked an exciting milestone as the first combined Towonga and Darriwell offering. Strong support from long-standing and new clients alike reflected continued confidence in the direction of both studs and the quality of rams presented.

The sale achieved a top price of \$14,250 and averaged \$2741, with 149 of 155 rams sold.

Sale topper Darriwell 24-1252 sold for \$14,250. Sired by Collinsville 21-2148, the ram combined outstanding wool quality with performance, recording a fibre diameter of 20.8 micron, 3.4 SD, 16.2 CV & 99.1 CF. The April-drop ram weighed 132kg and scanned 45mm eye muscle depth with 8mm fat.

Towonga's top-priced ram, Towonga 24-0230, sold for \$7250. By Towonga 22-0553, the ram weighed 110kg, measured 19.6 micron and scanned 44mm eye muscle depth with 9mm fat.

The sale featured strong competition across both Towonga and Darriwell drafts, with several long-term clients and commercial producers securing multiple rams to strengthen their breeding programs.

**Buyers showed continued demand for productive, heavy-cutting sheep with quality wool characteristics, sound structure and soft handling skins.**

Consistent bidding throughout the sale reflected confidence in proven genetics that perform across a range of commercial environments.

Interest remained particularly strong for rams combining wool cut, quality skins and productive carcass traits, reinforcing the breeding objectives of both Towonga and Darriwell programs.

The depth of repeat buyer support and widespread competition throughout the catalogue highlighted the continued confidence producers have in the consistency, reliability and performance of the genetics on offer.





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