



## Waradgery Coopworth Stud Open day



The Waradgery Coopworth Stud was founded in 2005 with the purchase of ewes from the Cleverlie Coopworth stud dispersal sale. The inclusion of ewes from Clifton Hill and the extensive use of AI from the best available Australian and New Zealand performance recorded rams has resulted in the development of a broad base of leading genetics producing a top drop of Coopworth rams annually.

It has been over the last 10 years that we have converted from a Merino flock into a self-replacing Coopworth flock now representing 5000 commercial ewes. Over this time we have implemented management practices which are employed to enhance the performance of our sheep. We define this program as the Coopworth system. The essence of the Coopworth system is to do everything possible to maximise the number of lambs weaned off our properties.

Developing our flock and property has involved the establishment of partnerships with other supporting businesses. Integral to this has been the solid support from our Rural Bank Manager. The benefit of a good relationship with a local bank manager who understand our business cannot be underestimated. The difficult seasonal conditions in 2014, which lead to a very short Spring, prompted the need to find a way to finish our lambs. This created both a cash flow problem as well as the need to purchase some plant to set up a finishing system. We are bringing together the people and organisations which are so important to running a good business.

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October we will be hosting the Waradgery Coopworth Stud Open Day & Ram Sale. Representatives from a number of key businesses who have been part of our 10 year program will be present. Coprice Ltd personnel will present information to help with the On-Farm Finishing of lambs as well as the strategic use of their products during the season. The feed pen arrangement will be open for inspection. We are also thankful to Matt Ough from Rural Bank's Ag Answers. Matt will present information about the outlook for Australian lamb and updates from the Farm Monitor Project.

Members from Coopworth Genetics Australia will attend to discuss broader aspects of the Coopworth Breed. Both stud and commercial ewes with terminal and maternal lambs will be displayed. This represents a great opportunity to really see and understand what the Coopworth self-replacing system is all about.

The second stage of the day is the Helmsman Ram sale. The top portion of the 2 grades of flock rams will be offered totalling 50 rams. The trigger price for each grade will be \$800 & \$600 respectively.

Waradgery will also be offering 10 Elite rams in the Coopworth National Ram Sale on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015

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