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This year's ram buying season is upon us again and your decisions are pivotal in taking the next important steps to ensure the future of your merino breeding and wool growing enterprise. Our role is to keep presenting quality stock that enables you to achieve your goals.

This year's offering of 300 rams in total will have the ability to meet your needs. Our ram selling will commence with the on property sale Wednesday 15-8-07, inspection from 10.00A.M. There are 70 rams on offer including 50 Polls and 20 Merinos. Private selection can be made by appointment following the on property sale. We are encouraging selections to be completed by mid October so get in early.

This year's group have endured the most difficult conditions of any drop of lambs in our time at Southrose. The current condition of these boys is testament to their doing ability. Also we chose not to shed any of the sale rams this year on account of the fact that we are not showing at the moment. The wool has still come through in excellent order. Anyway, come and judge for yourself. We look forward to showing you what we've got.

We congratulate Richard and Jan Riggs and family Wandillah, Burra on their recent success, winning the Elders clip of the year from a group of 44 finalists. They will be going into their sixth joining with Southrose sires this year and have been well pleased with the impact. This win comes on the back of their sale topping success in the last two years at the Jamestown off-shears sales for both their ewe hoggets and wether lambs. Well done!

Well done also to James and Julia Clark Pamatta, Carrieton who were also finalists in the Elder's clip of the year. Given the difficult seasons that they have experienced of late this was a great result.

We appreciate the fact that the last 12 months has been very difficult because of the drought. No one can afford poor seasons. It would appear that this year is heading in a more positive direction. We'll keep our fingers crossed.

Notwithstanding the current Chinese quota issue, the wool market has continued to rise this year in spite of the strong AU\$. The efficient wool growing operations are once again achieving respectable gross margins in their enterprise comparisons. Heavy cuts of 20-21.5 microns of stylish bright wool on good frames will give good results. This is what Southrose genetics provides. We welcome you to our sale on 15-8-07.

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