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**Media Release**



**Biggest Merino Ram Sale in Australia anticipates top prices**

Sheepvention's unique pen of five ram sale will again be the highlight of the second day of the event. The ram sale has long been a major part of the field days. Set to be held on Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup>. Keen buyers can view the rams on Monday 6 August in the Wool Shed Selling Centre. All the rams will be judged on the Monday with the Best Pen of Five Rams announced at 12 pm.

The resurgence of the wool market has certainly peaked interest and encouraged entries. A well known Tasmanian Stud has decided to enter the sale at Sheepvention. Trefusis Merinos from Ross, in the central midlands, has entered a pen of rams for the first time. Stud Co- Owner Georgie Wallace said "I have judged at Hamilton Show many years ago, but this will be the first time bringing rams up for the sale. Sheepvention is recognised widely as a renowned sale for both stud and commercial rams. The market in Tasmania is quite limited and it is a good opportunity to bring our rams over to Victoria and Showcase to a wider audience. We have had some good success in the last couple of years with Grand Champion fleeces at Bendigo Sheep Show and are really pleased with how the sheep are performing there too, so we thought it was about time to bring them over to Sheepvention".

Sheepvention President, Will Kinghorn said he wished to "thank all the 60 studs that have entered and wished good luck to all the vendors for the sale. I know it will be a fabulous marketing opportunity for all of you as well as a top priced sale. Sale numbers are up and 295 rams will be offered in pens of five. The Committee is also delighted to welcome back Blackwood Corriedales also from Tasmania. Blackwood Corriedales have been a great supporter of the sale and their entries were highly sought after last year. We also welcome back a pen of Prime Samm South African meat Merinos."

Sheepvention will be held on August 6 and 7 at the Hamilton Showgrounds, Hamilton Victoria. Ram sale catalogues will be available online from mid July. Tickets can be purchased from [www.hamiltonshowgrounds.com.au](http://www.hamiltonshowgrounds.com.au)

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