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Sheepvention Ram Sale returns

The Ram sale will again be a major component of this years' Sheepvention Rural Expo. The sale is set to be held at 10am on Tuesday 02 August 2022, keen buyers can view the rams on Monday 01 August in the Sheep Pavilion at the Hamilton Showgrounds.

Whilst the sale is generally renowned for its pen of five, this year the committee has also opened up to a pen of three to cater for various studs, following the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. Although Sheepvention was not held in 2021, the ram sale was taken online where there was an 89 percent clearance rate of 44 rams offered and an average sale price of \$4,294. The Committee is eager to see the sale return to its more original format.

"We're very excited to have a ram sale with a crowd again after a two year hiatus, hopefully this will bolster a good sale result. We've got a great variety of high quality and renowned studs participating in the sale, including: Glendonald Merino Stud, Pendarra Poll and Forest Spring Merinos. We also have a great assortment of short and long wool sheep on offer. The committee wish to thank all 16 studs for registering and supporting the sale." Said Will Crawford, Convenor for the Ram Sale.

The Sheepvention committee this year also welcome Montarna SheepMaster Stud who will be donating a ram to raise funds for the 'Riding For The Disabled Charity.' Gary Doyle, owner of Montarna SheepMaster Stud said *"The main reason we are sponsoring a ram is because my wife has been involved with the RDA for over 30 years. We moved to the region in January and brought the stud with us, we thought this would be a great opportunity to get involved in the local community, as well as showcase the Sheepmaster breed, the newest of the shedding sheep."*

Sheepvention Rural Expo will be held at the Hamilton Showgrounds on Sunday 31 July – Tuesday 02 August 2022. Tickets are available online at www.sheepvention.com

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