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FSF AT BOONOKE FOR 130 YEARS

Franc Sadleir Falkiner (1833 – 1909), who came to be known as the Napoleon of the Old Man Plain, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland. His father was a solicitor, but his forebears had been in the wool trade in Yorkshire before pioneering the Irish woollen industry.



Franc S. Falkiner

Franc came to Australia in 1853, going to the Maryborough Goldfields, subsequently trading in gold before opening a store at Ararat, Victoria and later taking up land in the area. In 1875 Franc moved to Geelong accepting the position of Government Land Valuer.

The ill health of his son Otway prompted a move to the NSW Riverina and in November 1878, in partnership with Ross and McKenzie, Franc purchased Boonoke and half the Peppin's sheep flock. In 1882 Franc bought out his partners and in 1899 registered his company, F S Falkiner & Sons Limited.

At the time of Franc's death in September 1909 he had amassed a Riverina holding in excess of half a million acres; running more than a quarter of a million sheep, in excess of seven thousand cattle and in the vicinity of a thousand horses. For the 27 years since he had bought out his Boonoke partners until his death Franc's annual ram sales averaged £24,435 per annum. The company's wool clip in the year of his death totalled 6,930 bales.

The Pastoralists' Review wrote of Franc at the time of his death: "No doubt Mr Falkiner amassed for himself and his family a great fortune, but he should be judged not by this, but by his skill and ability, which have done quite as much as, if not more than those of perhaps any other man for the pastoral industry of Australia."

130 years on Boonoke continues to be owned by F S Falkiner & Sons Pty Ltd, but direct descendants of Franc Falkiner ceased to have an association with the Company in 1972.

RIVERINA MERINO

8 August 2008 ~ Information Day
To be held in conjunction with the AWI & MLA at the Conargo Recreational Reserve from 9.30 am. The day will feature industry relevant guest speakers and the Riverina Merino Ram of the Year lineup. For more information www.riverinamerino.com.au

19 & 20 March 2009 ~ On-Property Stud Merino Field Days
Member Studs will conduct on-property displays or participate in the central site at the Conargo Recreational Reserve, which will also feature the Association's annual competitions on 19 March. www.riverinamerino.com.au for continued program updates.

PRIVATE RAM SELECTIONS

Private Ram Selection appointments will be available from Monday 29 September 2008. Rams will be available in the following grades (excluding GST):

Boonoke	Poll Boonoke	Wanganella
\$550	\$550	\$450
	\$800	\$550
		\$800

Appointments can be arranged by contacting Jim Coward or by submitting a ram order form with your preferred selection times so that we might contact you to confirm the details. Ram Order Forms will be distributed to clients in August or alternatively can be completed on-line at www.fsfalkiner.com.au

Diary of Coming Events

- 18, 19 & 20 July** Australian Sheep & Wool Show, Bendigo
- 8 August** Riverina Merino Information Day, Conargo
- 26, 27 & 28 August** Rabobank National Sheep Show & Ram Sale, Dubbo
- 26 September** FSF Ram Sale & Open Day at Boonoke
- 29 September** FSF Private Ram Selections Commence (All selections at the Boonoke Woolshed Yards)
- Late October** FSF Ram Deliveries to Queensland and NSW Central West



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newsletter

JULY 2008

FSF Studs Supreme at . . .

FSF STUD OPEN DAY & RAM AUCTION

Friday 26th
Sept 2008

Boonoke
Poll Boonoke
Wanganella

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WAYNE JENKINS

2007 National Merino Show

Wanganella 5.059



2008 Hay Sheep Show

Boonoke 6.124



Boonoke Unhoused Stud Ewe
Elders Riverina Ewe of the Year
Deniliquin Show 2008



Wanganella 5.059 and Wanganella 5.055
Grand Champion Ram & Reserve Grand
Champion Ram
Rabobank National Sheep Show 2007



Boonoke 6.134
Champion Medium Wool March Shorn Ram
Rabobank National Sheep Show 2007



Wanganella 5.006
Reserve Champion Medium Wool
Merino Ram
Australian Sheep & Wool Show 2007

2007 NATIONAL SHEEP SHOW REPORT

Wanganella Merino Stud had the NSW Supreme Ram with Wanganella 5.059 taking out the Grand Champion Ram title at the Rabobank National Merino Show held at Dubbo in August 2007, while Wanganella 5.055 was the Reserve Grand Champion Ram. This followed on from the duo's Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons in the strongly contested August Shorn Medium Wool Ram classes.

For the third straight year, an FSF Ram won the Performance Class at the National Show with Wanganella Ram 5.011 being the 2007 title holder.

Other significant successes at the 2007 National Merino Show were:

Champion Strong Wool Ram	Boonoke
Champion Strong Wool Ewe	Wanganella
Champion Strong Wool Sale Ram	Wanganella
Grand Champion March Shorn Ram	Boonoke
2nd Place in Max Smith Pairs	Wanganella
2nd Place in City of Dubbo Breeders Group	Wanganella

2008 HAY SHEEP SHOW REPORT

Congratulations to Bede & Beth Schiller, and classer Michael Elmes, on being awarded the Most Successful Flock Exhibitor after their Wanganella blood "Raheen" team won their way through the impressive line-up of sheep in the various flock classes to take out the coveted Supreme Champion Pen of Flock Ewes and Champion Ewe Hogget titles.

The Boonoke August Shorn Show Team secured the Most Successful Stud Exhibitor title after Champion Medium Wool Ram, Boonoke 6.124, was awarded the Bill Lamb Trophy for Supreme Exhibit of the Show. B6.124 was also a member of the winning Pen of Three Stud Rams and the Neilson Mills Breeders Group. The balance of the Team produced the Champion and Reserve Champion Strong Wool Rams, the Champion Medium Wool Ewe and the Reserve Champion Strong Wool Ewe. The Wanganella Stud shone out in the March Shorn Classes, winning the Champion Single Ram and taking a second placing in the Pen of Three Ram Weaners.

NEW TEAM MEMBER

We are delighted to welcome **CHRIS BOWMAN** to the FSF and Burrabogie Team to class the Bell Group Rural's three commercial flocks ~ Boonoke, Barratta/Zara and Burrabogie ~ of approximately 20,000 young ewes each year.



Chris' involvement in the Merino industry has spanned 32 years; working with many of Australia's leading sheep breeders and travelling widely throughout Australia, New Zealand and Argentina judging and visiting Merino breeders. Most will be familiar with Chris as the Manager of Uardry, Hay. Chris has recently returned to professional classing and consulting work, having operated a business classing 45 flocks and selecting 600 rams annually prior to his stud management role. We are fortunate to be able to draw on Chris' vast industry experience and knowledge to drive the direction and development of our commercial flocks. Chris is also available to assist FSF Clients with breeding objectives, classing and ram selections; all enquiries for these services should be directed to Chris as follows.

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RAM AUCTION Catalogue available mid Sept
www.fsfalkiner.com.au

2007 AUCTION TOP OF \$5,000

The 2007 FSF Ram Sale produced spirited bidding via the Helmsman Auction System that resulted in the three FSF Studs achieving an equal top of \$5,000.

Woodpark Pastoral Co at Jerilderie secured both the Boonoke and Poll Boonoke top priced rams. Represented on the day by Owen & Doug Huggins, Angus Munro and Classer Stuart Hodgson, the Woodpark Team were pushed to \$5,000 twice in a back and forth battle of bidding slips that highlighted the interest in these sires.

Harry, Lachlan & Eric Rowling were again successful in taking home the top priced Wanganella ram after out-bidding some keen competition. Harry, Lachlan and Eric, along with Classer Frank Navin, judged that the qualities exhibited by W6.123, in particular his plain frame and wool quality, would benefit their Ungarie breeding operation.

Overall result for the day was 75 FSF rams clearing for an average of \$1,131.

The 2008 FSF Ram Sale will be held at Boonoke on Friday 26 September.



Representing Woodpark Merino Stud are from the left: Stud Classer Stuart Hodgson, Co Principal Doug Huggins, Stud Manager Angus Munro and Co Principal Owen Huggins. Holding Woodpark's purchases are FSF's Jim Coward and Rodney Kirk. Photo courtesy of The Land Photographic Department.

FSF STUD OPEN DAY & RAM AUCTION Friday 26th September 2008

Inspection from 10 am
Auction at 12 noon

50 Wanganella Rams
20 Poll Boonoke Rams
10 Boonoke Rams

Auction conducted via
Helmsman System

Contact Jim Coward for
pre auction inspections

Catalogue available
mid September



New purchasers Les & Annette Amos, of Mungindi, paid \$8,000 at the 2007 National Merino Show & Ram Sale for Wanganella 5.008, the Champion Strong Wool Sale Ram, with measurements of 19.6 - micron, 15.8 - CV and 99.5 - CF.

Photograph by Wayne Jenkins.

SNAPSHOT – 2008 FSF STUD WOOLCLIP

Shearing: February & March 2008

07/08 Wool 400.2 mm
Growing Rainfall: (47% falling Dec – Feb)

Wool Selling Period: 3 April – 8 May 2008

Sheep Shorn: 5,666 Stud Breeding Ewes
2,040 Stud Ewe Weaners

Bales Produced: 327

Achieved: Highest Wool Price
Elders Catalogue
Sale M41 and M42

FSF Stud Clip Averages		Wanganella Breeding Ewes Averages	
Micron	19.1	Micron	21.6
CV	19.4	CV	19.6
c/kg	637	kg/hd	9.1
\$/bale	\$1,184		
Boonoke Breeding Ewes Averages		Poll Boonoke Breeding Ewes Averages	
Micron	21.5	Micron	21.3
CV	19.1	CV	19.3
kg/hd	9.7	kg/hd	9.4