

FLOCK NO 1

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HISTORY

The polled flock of Polwarths was started at Tarndwarncourt in September 1936 by the selection from the Tarndwarncourt flock of 70 good ewes with heads of more or less poll type.

Of these, 45 were mated the following summer to a poll ram purchased from Eeyeuk (2). Ten were sent for service to a poll ram at Korongee (3) and 15 for service to a poll ram at Lariggan (16).

To these ewes were added annually for the next three years a few young ewes selected in the same way from the old Tarndwarncourt Flock No. 1. In December 1937 were added 36 ewes selected from 46 cast-for-age stud ewes purchased from Eeyeuk and in February 1939, 18 cast stud ewes were purchased from Korongee.

The above ewes and their selected increase and 7 young ewes purchased from Korongee brought the strength of the Tarndwarncourt Poll stud ewes mated in December 1943 to 174, with another 94 young ewes rising one and two years available for future selection.

Of the rams used with these ewes, the most important was an aged stud ram from Jellalabad (14) in 1937 from which stud also an additional ram was purchased for 1939 mating. Another Jellalabad ram was purchased in 1941 jointly with Lariggan stud. A poll two-year-old ram was purchased from Gala (39) and used for one season only. Further drafts of ewes, 9 in 1938 and 20 in 1940 were sent to a Lariggan ram for service.

An aged Korongee ram was used in the secondary poll flock in 1943 and 1944 but perished with a number of ewes in the January 1944 fire. A poll stud ram was purchased from Lariggan in 1943 and mated with a line of top stud ewes but died after the season was over.

In 1946 a Kooraweera (70) ram was added. In 1948 two Ormley (27) rams were added and an additional Ormley ram was hired and mated with 30 Tarndwarncourt ewes. In 1949, 47 Korongee, 132 Grattan Park, 193 Lariggan ewes and 1 Kooraweera ram and in 1950, 155 Lariggan ewes were added.

From 1936 to 1945, AW Dennis carried on the flock and from 1945 to 1951 by AW Dennis and Sons, trading as Dennis Bros and since July 1951 by Norman Dennis, who acquired the sheep from the several partners after the termination of Dennis Bros.

SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONS

1951, 93 Lariggan (16) ewes. 1953, 3 Eeyeuk (211) rams, 4 Lariggan (16) rams and 132 Lariggan (16) ewes. 1954, 1 Eeyeuk House (211) ram. 1957, 3 Lariggan (16) rams. 1958, 33 Brolga (245) ewes. 1959, 1 Brolga (245) and 1 Formosa (76) ram purchased from Rockthorpe (79). 1962, 6 Brolga (245) rams. 1964, 12 Brolga (245) rams. 1965, 13 Brolga (245) rams. 1966, 11 Brolga (245) rams. 1967, 3 Brolga (245) rams. 1968, 3 Brolga (245) rams. 1969, 6 Brolga (245) rams. 1970, 9 Brolga (245) rams. 1972, 2 Brolga (245) rams. 1973, 6 Brolga (245) rams. 1974, Brolga (245) ram. 1975, 7 Brolga (245) rams. 1977, 1 Brolga (245) ram. 1978, 1 Brolga (245) ram. In 1962, sheep bred in non-designated Flock No. 1 were transferred as poll. For details of such Flock No. 1 see Vol XXIX, page 2. 1980, 2 Brolga (245) rams. 1983, 1 Brolga (245) ram. 1990, 1 Challicum (125) ram. 1996, 4 Rockthorpe (379) rams. 2006, 2 Challicum (125) rams. 2007, 1 Challicum (125) ram. 2010, 1 Challicum (125) ram. 2011, 1 Challicum (125) ram. 2013, 10 Coree ewes (625). 2018, 2 Fairview (700) rams; 80 Challicum (125) mixed-age ewes. 2020, 1 Fairview (700) ram. 2021, 2 Fairview (700) rams, 1 Fairview (700) ram on loan. 2023, 3x Parkdale rams (Sheep Genetics 504638), 2x Burnbrae rams (Sheep Genetics 601232).

ANNUAL RETURN for year ending 30th June 2024

Flock in transition	
Ewes 1 year and over	
Ewes under 1 year	
Rams 1 year and over	
Rams under 1 year	
TOTAL	