



Christmas 2012

# Etiwanderings Rangeland Ready™

## Another year gone.....

Is it just us, or has this year just disappeared faster than the one before?! Blink and another year has gone! 2012 has been a great year for us. We purchased, have taken delivery of and lambled down the Gossamer Downs Stud White Dorper Ewes that we obtained earlier this year. We have tagged over 1100 White Dorper lambs from our stud ewes this year, giving all our clients a more extensive genetic base to select from and us a wider base to breed with.

White Dorper rams sales continue to outstrip supply at Etiwanda and we would like to sincerely thank our continued loyal client base and welcome our new clients to the Rangeland Ready group! Supplying good, clean, solid, structurally sound, productive rams is what we like to do. It seems folks like our Rangeland Ready product as we, yet again, have sold just about everything from last years drop.

Goat mustering and selling continues to be a never ending job. We have sold more goats (farmed & wild caught) last financial year than we ever have.

*Emily helping tag the lambs at lambmarking 2012*



The breeding ability of those creatures is truly amazing! The cattle have calved well and they are doing a great job of creating animal impact as we move them around our country. Calf marking will be on the agenda early in 2013. There are some lovely calves in this year's drop and the cattle look a picture.

Weather wise 2012 has been a not too bad although the spring has been drier than we would have liked limiting the spring green up this year. We have had about 350mm for the year, which makes for an average year.

With sheep and lamb prices coming off the boil, we are reminded of the need to maintain/control our cost of production figures. This is where the Rangeland Ready White Dorpers really shine and with some grazing management we can all go a long way to making sure that our White Dorper grazing enterprises are an asset and put money in all our pockets, not someone else's.

*Ashlie McLaughlin, Emily & Jess taking a break in the water trough!*





# The “Back on Track” 2013 Rangeland Ready Ram Sale – worth the wait!

Wed, 25th September, 2013 on Farm at Etiwanda

120 cracking good Rangeland Ready rams.....

Plans are well under way for our “Back on Track” – ram sale in 2013 – planned for September 25th on farm here at Etiwanda – we would love you to join us, to have a look, or even to buy some of our stock on the day! We have decided to move our sale from February to September to allow our rams to grow out more before we sell them and send them off to work. We will be selecting the top 120 rams, based on Lambplan performance

and visual assessment, from the combined lambing’s of the Etiwanda and Gossamer Downs ewes. It should be one of our best line ups yet. All the rams presented for sale will be natural born (No AI or ET) & born unassisted with a large percentage rams born as twins. In line with our Rangeland Ready policy everything will be presented unshorn/ not Bioclipped, and never hoof trimmed – so you can see exactly what you are buying.

***Buy your rams from someone who breeds them like they ought to!***

*Etiwanda commercial ewes at lamb marking 2012.*





## Christmas at the Station

Oh there's going to be dancing and singing,  
At the old homestead tonight,  
Going to be carols ringing,  
Through the warm Australian night,  
Dance on the homestead verandah  
To an old time fiddle tune,  
There's going to be an old time party  
With Christmas coming soon.

Oh we won't have no sleigh ride  
we'll go swimming in the creek  
but all the kids and relations  
who are staying for a week.  
The campfire's blazing rightly  
Steak on the barbecue,  
Welcome all the neighbours in  
Were putting on a do.

There's going to be dancing and singing  
At the old homestead tonight  
Going to be carols ringing,  
Through the warm Australian night,  
Dance on the homestead verandah,  
To an old time fiddle tune,  
There's going to be an old time party,  
With Christmas coming soon.

Oh the kids are hanging stockings,  
And there's one for me and you,  
Santa's wearing moleskins,  
And a shirt of faded blue,

The kitchen tables loaded,  
With ham and chicken too,  
Welcome all the neighbours in,  
Were putting on a do.

There's going to be dancing and singing,  
At the old homestead tonight,  
Going to be carols ringing,  
Through the warm Australian night,  
Dance on the homestead verandah,  
To an old time fiddle tune,  
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by  
**Slim Dusty**





## FAMILY NEWS

Hard to believe that Megan, Emily & Jess have been at Orange for almost a year! The girls have completed their first year at Orange Anglican Grammar and both girls have done extremely well and, more importantly, they have really enjoyed the year. Em played netball for the school in the Orange comp and their team made it all the way through to be the Grand final winners for their age group! Em and Jess both participated in Public speaking and various other school events. Jess also played Netta (netball for beginners) for the school and had a wow of a time. Netball season was lots of fun despite some ripper Orange winter mornings that made the toes numb! Jess started to play the flute in Term 3 and loves it – we have no idea where her musical ability comes from, because it sure isn't from either of her parents! Jess is also playing Chess with the Orange Grammar Chess Club and is getting some pretty tricky moves under her belt!

Andrew continues to do a mighty job of running Etiwanda almost single handed, and the property, business and stock are in great shape. He is managing some 13,000 DSE, it's a good thing our business is designed around low input production and low input breeds of stock! Andrew continues as



a board member of the WCMA until the creation of the new Local Land Service in 2014.

Megan enjoys her two lives that she lives, and both Andrew & Megan have made some great friends in Orange who they appreciate spending time with. Megan is still working part time at The Complete Garden in Orange, and is trying not to spend all her wages on the lovely things they sell! The school terms fly by and it seems no time and the girls are back at Etiwanda to catch up with friends out here and shattering Andrews quiet existence for a couple of week! Last holidays we seemed to be cheap lambmarking labour.....Dorpers are

great until you have to pick them up! Luckily the girls escaped picking the lambs up but we were put to work tagging and ringing. That's OK – we got the job done with help of some great friends out here. Our trips home to the west are over all too quickly and we are back on the road again to Orange.

Megan's health has been so much better in 2012, apart from a couple of minor setbacks she has had a year worth remembering (as opposed to the couple of years prior!)

So, all in all we are going along really well and we are looking forward to whatever 2013 has in store.

## Christmas blessings from our family to yours,

*All the best, the Mosely Family*

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