



## Elders Field Day Four 2012



# Barloo, Kolindale on top in Elders' fours

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IT was a back-to-back win for the Ledwith family's Kolindale stud, Dudinin in this year's Elders Field Day Four competition.

After three days of judging, the final results were made during last Thursday's Rabobank Katanning Stud Sheep Show and in the end there was literally only a staple length of wool splitting the outstanding Poll Merino and Merino winners and reserves which stood before judges Alan McCormack, Walwa stud, Gunning, New South Wales and Graham Wells, One Oak stud, Jerilderie, NSW.

With six Poll Merino and six Merino teams from which to pick their final two winners the judges certainly had to make some big decisions and in the end the Kolindale stud backed up last year's winning performance in the Merino section by this year taking out the Poll Merino section title.

And it was also the House family's Barloo stud, Gnowangerup, day to shine when they were announced the winners in the Merino section of the competition after making it into the finals last year.

Once again this year the Elders Field Day Four judges did copious amounts of driving over three days to ensure they visited the 23 Poll Merino and 19 Merino teams which put forward rams.

Both judges said they were pleased with the evenness of the 12 finalists which were presented before them in the final judging at the Rabobank Katanning Sheep Show.

Mr McCormack said it was a pleasure to be asked to judge the highly competitive competition and congratulated everyone who made it into the final and also to those breeders who didn't but still put in the hard work.

Kolindale's win marked the second time the Ledwith family had won the prestigious award since purchasing the Kolindale stud from Colin and Rae Lewis in late 2007.

The team of four regulation, March shorn Poll rams were extremely even and had plenty of length and frame about them.

Mr McCormack said when first inspecting the Kolindale team at Wickepin they just looked like a mid-



With the team of rams from the Barloo stud, Gnowangerup, that won the Merino section of the 2012 Elders Field Day Four competition were Jack Carrington-Jones (left) and Paul Gugiaatti, Barloo stud, Richard Poulish, Elders Gnowangerup, Russell McKay, Elders stud stock and Barloo stud principal Richard House.



The Kolindale stud, Dudinin, made it back to back wins in this year's Elders Field Day Four competition but this year in the Poll Merino section. With the team of winning rams were Paul Keppell (left), Elders Narrogin, Stuart and Luke Ledwith, Kolindale stud, Russell McKay, Elders stud stock, Matthew Ledwith, Kolindale stud and Rohan Vaughan, Elders stud stock auctioneer.

dle of the road pen of rams with great scale and stretch of body but when they stood in the ring for the final and

came up against all the other groups, they were clearly the best in terms of type.

"They have even, good wool and are sound types," he said.  
"I believe they will cut a fair bit of

wool which will be of good quality."

The Kolindale team averaged 20.2 micron and all were sired by

The Woodyarrup stud finished runner-up in the Merino section of the Elders Field Day Four competition and with the team were Ron Niven (left), Manjimup, Elders stud and commercial sheep manager Tim Spicer, Woodyarrup stud principal Craig Dewar, Broomehill, Russell McKay, Elders stud stock and Lachlan Dewar, Woodyarrup stud.



### THE WINNERS

#### Day 1

**Merino:** Navanvale, Williams; Quailierup West, Arthur River  
**Poll Merino:** Auburn Valley, Williams; Belmont Park, Wagin

#### Day 2

**Merino:** Darijon, Narrogin;  
**Poll Merino:** Kolindale, Dudinin; Eastville Park, Wickepin

#### Day 3

**Merino:** Barloo, Gnowangerup; Mianelup, Gnowangerup; Woodyarrup, Broomehill  
**Poll Merino:** Mianelup, Gnowangerup; Anglesey, Gnowangerup

#### Overall Winners

**Merino**  
1st: Barloo, Gnowangerup  
2nd: Woodyarrup, Broomehill  
**Poll Merino**  
1st: Kolindale, Dudinin  
2nd: Anglesey, Gnowangerup