



■ **LEFT:** Governor of Victoria Alex Chernov sashes Glenpaen's winning pen of five local rams at Sheepvention. Holding the rams, from left, are Ryan Weir, stud principal Rod Miller, Murray McKenzie, Matthew Ipsen and Robert Ipsen.



■ **RIGHT:** Nareeb Nareeb Dohne stud principal Richard Beggs with his winning entry in the pen of five rams dual purpose section.

Glenpaen tops the pens again



■ Roseville Park principal Matthew Coddington with his winning pen of five short wool rams at Hamilton.

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CONSISTENT quality gave the Glenpaen Merino stud, Brimpaen, its third consecutive win in the prestigious Hamilton Sheepvention pen of five local rams competition last week. Glenpaen stud principal Rod Miller said he had more rams to choose from for his Hamilton sale team this year and believed his entries were more even in the wool than in previous years. Sheepvention ram buyers must have agreed, because they paid \$4000 for three of the Glenpaen rams, with one ram bought for stud duties and the others, which sold from \$3000-\$4000, to be used as commercial lock rams. The stud's average of \$3700 for its five rams was \$800 up on last year. Mr Miller said the lock ram buyers seemed prepared to pay more for quality rams at Hamilton, though the price had to be viewed in the context of the higher values for ewes. "It only takes a handful of ewes to pay for a ram."

The best short wool entry in the sale rams was supplied by the

Roseville Park stud from Dubbo, NSW. Stud principal Matthew Coddington said the rams reflected his aim to produce sheep of good constitution with white, water-proof wool. Roseville Park's five rams sold for \$2000-\$6500 and averaged \$3850. The Langdene stud from Dundas, NSW won the pen of five rams long wool section with an entry that included the equal second top priced ram of the sale. The Langdene rams sold from \$2000-\$7000 and mainly went to studs and other ram breeders, stud principal Gary Cox said. Nareeb Nareeb Dohne took out the dual purpose award in the pen of five rams competition, with five well-grown and muscled May-drop Potari blood sire. Stud principal Richard Beggs said the rams were by leading Potari sires out of Potari stud ewes purchased last year and sold for \$1000-\$1600 in the sale. The Nareeb Nareeb stud, Glenhompson, was making a return to the Hamilton Sheepvention ram sale shed this year after an eight-year absence.



■ With Langdene's top pen of five long wool rams were, from left, Rod Evans from Virbac with stud principal Garry Cox.

White Suffolks Supreme Trifecta!



Supreme Allbreeds Exhibit - Dubbo
Tattykeel



Supreme Shortwool Exhibit - Bendigo
Rene



Supreme Shortwool Exhibit (Ram)
- Hamilton Sheepvention Wingamin



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