



# KOORINGAL STUD JUNE 2016

## A Breeding Season of a Different Kind



A few of Kooringal's new lambs

While things on the horse front have begun to slow down a little until foaling begins in August, lambing at Kooringal is going full steam ahead with more and more lambs joining the flock each day. Kooringal is home to 1200 Merino Ewes and 800 Wethers that are used to 'crash graze' paddocks to assist with pasture growth and weed management. The sheep are enjoying their lush lucerne pastures after the recent Autumn rain, and all of the weanlings are enjoying their new paddock- mates!

## Autumn Rain and Sowing

Kooringal has recently been transformed into a carpet of green following some very timely rain in May. All canola and wheat crops have been sown and are out of the ground, with our foaling and nursery paddocks currently being sown with oats and ryegrass. Our perennial pastures of lucerne and pasture are bounding away due to the moisture and very mild Autumn conditions. The lush pastures are being enjoyed by horses and sheep alike, while hay is still being fed out to horses as it is all year round. Quality hay is particularly important as roughage in the winter months when the feed is high in moisture.



Sowing Oats for Harvest in December



Rolling the foaling paddocks after sowing



Spraying newly sown pasture

## Mares Under Lights Program

Now is the time to start considering maiden and dry mares for the season. From the second week in July Kooringal begins its mares under lights program. By placing empty and maiden mares under lights a physiological transition is triggered, enabling reproductive cycling to begin by September. This increases the chances of a mare conceiving earlier in the season, which has many benefits to both the mare and foal as opposed to a later mating. Please contact us today to discuss your mares options for the season.

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