

We are not long home from participating in the World Angus Forum, and what an event it was! The biggest display of Angus cattle ever seen in Australia, with studs from four states participating. Congratulations must go to the foresight and the commitment of the various Angus Australia staff and their committee for putting on a world class event.

As ever, when cattle people come together conversation soon gets onto the weather and what contrasts we have now. Southern Australia is in the grip of terrible drought conditions with much of southern NSW either there already or joining them quickly. By contrast, here on the NSW coast we have been inundated with rain for two months now, and it is starting to take its toll.

The Sale

We can only hope that " the wet" eases up shortly, as our Friday July 25th sale day is going to arrive quickly. Our catalogue is identical to the past three years, 84 bulls, 6 PTIC stud heifers, and just on 100 unjoined commercial heifers.

The sale will be interfaced with Auctions Plus online with videos available just prior to the sale. The catalogue is now available online on the Angus Australia website and the printed version should be available shortly.

From a market perspective, robust international demand for beef has kept the physical market reasonably strong, particularly when you consider the big sell off from southern areas. Surely a break in their season will see the market continue to firm, but maybe not to the degree some analysts are predicting.

Locally, weaner producers were rewarded reasonably well with strong northern demand on the heavier calves producing some excellent sales through the major weaner sales.

Preparation

As we approach our 17th sale we can think back to the tougher years for preparation, some too dry, others too wet, but there is no doubt this is shaping up as the toughest yet. In times like these when we have received over our annual rainfall in three months that we are thankful for the steeper hill country at Moppy. At least the water drains away, and our cows can get up into the high country and avoid bogging up the lower country. Not quite so easy for bull preparation though with plenty of our oats and rye waterlogged. They are not enjoying it much in the paddock, and it gets worse when you must make a trip to the yards.

Thankfully, a decent spring and good early autumn at least had our team in good shape leading into the final preparation, and they still should present very well. That said we would not be expecting them to be putting on maximum kilograms per day under the current wet conditions.

As usual, the entire bull team has been genomically tested to guarantee their pedigree and add accuracy to their performance data. They have also been tested for Pestivirus, fully vaccinated, structurally assessed by Roger Evans and of course been under the scrutiny of the team on cataloguing day. Semen testing and individual video's will be completed shortly to ensure that by sale time they tick all the boxes for sale preparation.

Inspections invited

As always, we encourage as many pre-sale inspections as possible, as it can get very busy on sale day. We have put aside Friday July 11th at Kia Ora as an organised inspection day, but if this does not suit, please call so we can arrange another time.

PRE SALE INSPECTION

at KANANGARA Kia Ora FRIDAY JULY 11th from 10am at KANANGARA Kia Ora FRIDAY JULY 25th at 1pm

From Gloucester travel 3.5kms towards Barrington and turn right onto Bowman Farm road for 1km. Go over Barrington River and turn right onto Kia Ora road for 2km, then on top of the hill continue straight onto Old Kia Ora road for 2km down to sale complex.

FREE DELIVERY LOCALLY AND TO ALL MAJOR CENTRES FOR BULLS

SALE

2025 Sale Team Lot 26 - BLA24V35



Sire: Knowla So Right S48

CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	\$A-L
+2.4	+5.2	+113	+145	+100	+12.7	+2.5	\$402

The Genetics

Once again, we feel we have a nice mix of new and proven genetics throughout this year's catalogue. Leading the new team is our first draft of sons by the \$190,000 Knowla So Right S48. His first drop is characterised by extra weight, and plenty of carcase shape, with outstanding temperaments. At this point in their preparation, it may be a bit early to call which is the lead of the So Right draft, but Lots 2, 13, and the first two of the younger bulls in at Lots 25 and 26 will all be under consideration. They may not be the tallest bulls in the draft but should be some of the heaviest.

Another first-time sire is USA semen sire Baldridge Versatile. Unfortunately, we only have two sons in the catalogue, but they are both in the front pen at Lot 1 and Lot 4. The Versatile's have tremendous capacity with big growth data, and he is a breed leading IMF sire. They are also exceptional for temperament, and all his daughters were retained from this drop. Likewise, Dulverton Smart Missile S068 has only two sons, but his son at Lot 31 out of So Right's sister, Designer N43, is worth a second look.

Two Landfall New Ground sons in Landfall New Ground R1496 and Rennylea S861 make their debut with an even draft of bulls between them. Lot 33 and Lot 39 are good representatives of these bulls, both with lighter birth and high calving ease but still with adequate growth. Another Landfall son with his first progeny catalogued is Signature S1755. He provides high marbling and calving ease, and his three sons provide some of the best carcase merit in the catalogue.

After his debut last year Lawsons Rocky R4010 returns with fourteen sons, the largest sire draft in the sale. Several of the Rocky's attract attention with five in the second pen, including Lot 7 who is one of the sale standouts. At Lot 27, Visionary V51 is also sure to attract attention for his excellent structure and balanced data set. Also in the front pens of the younger bulls are three full flush brothers at Lots 28, 29 and 34 from standout donor cow, Dandaloo N76.

Lot 27 - BLA224V51



Sire: Lawsons Rocky R4010

CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	\$A-L
+2.0	+3.8	+107	+134	+92	+13.9	+2.7	\$387

For the seventh successive year Bowmont King K306 will be represented, and he will be supported by progeny of both his son, Nobleman N127, and grandsons, Superior S44 and Revolution R190. The six King sons are led by Underdog U243 at Lot 5, with the renowned carcase attributes. Nobleman N127 also has two at the front of the catalogue, in Lot 3 and Lot 8, whilst the lead Superior S44 son sells at Lot 6. Calving ease specialist, Revolution R190 has a nice draft suited for heifer matings, with Lots 50 and 51 very easy to recommend.

One of our leading sires over the past few years, Knowla Monty M186, has only one son but his next generation is well represented with progeny of Rockefeller R108. Lots 14, 16 and 17 are all very attractive bulls with nicely balanced datasets. A full sister to R108, Kruger R138 is quickly becoming one of our most influential donor females, and her son at Lot 40, Viscount V115 is an exceptionally thick son of Baldridge Alternative E125. Alternative returns after an absence of two years with a run of moderate growth sons who display tremendous carcase shape.

Females

The six PTIC stud females that commence at Lot 85 are straight from the heart of our stud herd and are very good representatives of the genetics we have retained in the stud. Three daughters of the \$190,000 Knowla So Right S48 sell as the first three lots, and two of them are in calf to the \$275,000 Cluden Newry Uppercut U15, offering a unique opportunity to get access to elite genetics. New USA AI sire, Hoover About It is the joining sire for two lots whilst young Knowla back up sires, Top Dog T259 and Territory T133 covered the remaining two lots.

As per past sales we have put aside a draft of 100 commercial heifers for sale in pens of between 15 and 18 head. They are EU accredited and represent our spring and autumn calving herds and should present for sale at joining weights.



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Individual videos available prior to the sale.

Health treatments

KNOWLA LIVESTOCK Bulls Lot I -BLA23U23I



Sire: Baldridge Versatile CE.Dir Birth 400 600 IMF% CWT **EMA** +4.5+2.5+113 +141+5.4+77

Lot 4 - BLA23U141



Sire: Baldridge Versatile CE.Dir Birth 400 600 CWT EMA IMF% \$A-L +1.4+6.3+117 +155 +93 +10.7+3.3\$439

Lot 7 - BLA23U190



Sire: Lawsons Rocky R4010									
CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	\$A-L		
+3.2	+5.8	+116	+156	+88	+12.6	+1.6	\$430		

All sire identified and genomic tested. Catalogue online with hard copy available early July.

Lot 3 - BLA23U152



Sire: Knowla Nobleman NI27 CE.Dir Birth 400 600 CWT EMA IMF% \$A-L +10.2+0.7+92 +123 +68 +13.4+2.3\$385

Lot 6 - BLA23U121

\$A-L

\$397

+3.5



Sire: Knowla Superior S44 CE.Dir Birth 400 600 CWT EMA IMF% \$A-L +9.4+1.4+107 +149+88 +11.6+4.7\$421

Lot 50 - BLA23U229



Sire: Knowla Revolution R190									
CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	\$A-L		
+9.1	+3.2	+97	+137	+79	+11.7	+3.6	\$380		

Health treatments

Knowla Livestock bulls



Sire: Baldridge Alternative EI25 CE.Dir Birth 400 600 CW **EMA** IMF% \$A-L -2.9 +3.9+103+123+68+9.9\$408

Lot 81 - BLA24V72



Sire: Knowla So Right S48 CE.Dir **Birth** 400 600 CW EMA IMF% \$A-L +8.4+1.0+90+113+77+13.4+4.8\$394

Expo Success

It was exciting to be part of the World Angus Forum Expo at Tamworth. We entered two teams in the pens judging competition, three joined 18 month old heifers and three yearling sale bulls. The composite judging system involved three judges tallying their individual scores for each pen on performance data, structure and evenness. Both our teams scored very well for their EBV profile, but in particular, the heifers caught the judges' eye, achieving the highest overall point score in their class. In the Championship round they were awarded the second-place sash in the senior division. In the leadup to the Expo, the Angus Society held a feedlot trial at the Teys Jindalee Feedlot. 64 teams of five Angus steers from across the three eastern states were entered. They were fed for 120 days with awards for feedlot performance, carcase performance and overall team performance. The awards night was held in conjunction with Expo at AELEC Tamworth and we were delighted with the overall results of our two pens of steers. One team was in third place for feedlot performance, and the other sixth for carcase performance. In the overall standings our two teams were placed fifth and ninth from the 64 competing teams. It was also pleasing to see a team entered by the Butcher family at Inverell place fourth for carcase performance with a team of Knowla So Right S48 blood steers.

We also took part in the online genetic auction with a selection of embryo packages for sale and were very pleased with the outcome. Four So Right S48 Designer Q198 embryos sold to North America interests for \$3 200 each, and four Baldridge Versatile Designer Q90 embryos sold at \$2400 to Isla Angus Coonabarabran for \$2 400 each. All in all, a very successful first-time involvement in a genetics sale.

The 2025 flood

Older Gloucester residents have always set the April 1978 flood as the benchmark when talking about rain events, but we now have another in May '25 to enter folklore. A wet season with a full moisture profile was the catalyst to quickly create a major event when we had over 450 mms in three and a half days, and well over 600mms at the top of the catchment. We are a lot more fortunate than those downstream as it runs away from here quickly, but we still have plenty of damage to contend with along the rivers.



At Moppy it took it away.....



Whilst at Kia Ora it gave us some back!

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