

**76 Bulls
110 Females**

Preparation

With our sale date brought forward to the last Friday in July we have been mindful that all the sale team's preparation also requires fast tracking. The bulls did very well on chicory and cocksfoot pasture since the last of our feeder steers were sold in early January. On their 400 and 600 day weigh ins for both age groups respectively in April they were on average 30 to 50 kilograms ahead of last years team, so right on track for the earlier sale. The younger group made it onto a paddock of oats, rye and turnip in mid April and are really smoking ahead now. The older group all went onto similar feed in the second week of May and are also forging ahead. The earlier sale date may deny them the usual early spring 'bounce' they achieve on going to Kia Ora prior to the sale, but we are confident they will present in similar order to what our clients have come to expect.

From a bull sellers perspective we are under no illusions on the challenge in front of us to clear a similar number of bulls as in previous years. We have catalogued 76 bulls but are also aware many western and northern clients will not be looking for bulls. Cow numbers are still on the decline in many areas of the state as producers don't want to go through another winter of feeding. It will certainly be a good year to cash out of those older bulls and replace them with some young fellows.

In the longer term this augers well for the cow calf producer who has focused on maintaining a quality genetic herd. There will be a scramble for good genetics when we finally get a widespread seasonal break. Carcase grid prices for export cattle have remained strong even under the pressure of record slaughter rates, and there will only be an upside with the return to good seasonal conditions.

The Genetics

We continue to add outcross genetics to our herd each year to blend with our proven bloodlines that have performed so well for us. Wattletop Lock L4 makes his debut this year having purchased him in partnership with Booragul Angus as the top seller at the 2016 Wattletop bull sale. Many of his sons are in the top 10% of the breed for growth and carcase weight, and also top 20% for EMA and IMF which is not always easily achieved. The youngster at Lot 3 as well as Lots 9 and 14 are eye catchers with exceptional data sets behind them.

The General line make a debut this year as well with a number sired by Pathfinder General K7. This line is exceptional for calving ease, with all the K7 sons unassisted from two-year old's, but still with adequate growth and again with very strong carcase characteristics. Lots 1, 4, 5 and 10 are all bulls we will recommend as sires suitable for heifers but are also good enough bulls to be real herd improvers.

OPEN DAY at KANANGARA Kia Ora FRIDAY JULY 19th from 1.30pm

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

In the younger bulls two prominent USA A.I. sires have a big influence in LD Capitalist 316 and Baldridge Bronc. Both are exceptional calving ease sires with very light birth and several of them in the top 10% of the breed for direct calving ease EBV's. Keep an eye out for Lots 19, 20, 25 and 26, all with the light birth, but are keeping up with the lead bulls for growth. Dunoon Decimal K1354 is the other new sire in the team, with several sons in the younger group. Selected for us by Dick Whale for our commercial herd, and after seeing his first calves we thought he was worthy of some stud cows and he has not disappointed us. Don't miss Lots 21 and 22, and there is another run of younger bulls towards the end of the sale.

Several of our proven sires are represented again this year. Dunoon Highpoint H744, Booragul Docklands K18, Peakes In Focus G57, and Bowmont King K306 will all figure prominently.

Highpoint has without doubt been the go-to sire at our past two sales and he will be again represented by several outstanding sons. Lot 7 is one of the standouts and is a full ET brother to National N72 who carried our flag at the 100 year Angus Feature show at Sydney winning his class. Lot 17 is a typical strong Highpoint and Lot 44 is a full brother to one of the high sellers at last year's sale.

Docklands sons are in both the older and younger age groups, but the young ones are catching our eye at present. Lots 23, 24, 27, and 28 exhibit all what we have come to expect from this line.

King made his debut last year in the younger bulls and didn't disappoint. He has an even draft lining up this year in the older bulls. They are moderate for growth and easy doing with extra thickness. King is now a trait leader sire for EMA at +14.9, and you can see it in his sons. Don't miss Lots 2, 6, 15, and a very solid run of them that start at Lot 35.

The final run of Focus G57's will present, who are again of the easy doing type which suit many coastal herds. In particular, have a look at Lot 11 who has a heap of capacity.

Inspections invited

Our annual Open Day will now be held on the afternoon of **Friday July 19th at Kanangara**, where the bulls will be able to be penned up in their sale day positions. If you cannot make it that afternoon, we invite you to call us and arrange for a more convenient time to inspect our team. We anticipate that the bulls will be at Kia Ora early in July for the **Friday July 26th sale**.

SALE at KANANGARA Kia Ora FRIDAY JULY 26th at 1pm

2019 Sale Team

BLAN206 - Lot 3



Sire: **Wattletop Lock L4** Dam: **Sal J09**

CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	ABI
+0.1	+6.3	+118	+155	+96	+6.9	+2.7	\$167

BLAN64 - Lot 7



Sire: **Dunoon Highpoint H744** Dam: **Dandaloo J54**

CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	ABI
-0.5	+5.1	+90	+119	+79	+5.5	+1.6	\$125

Feature Lots

As we get closer to the sale the really good ones start to stand out from the crowd. National N64 is an ET calf from Dandaloo J54 whose sons have sold to \$23,000, so has been on our watch list since he was a calf. His full brother National N72 went to Sydney Show as our flagship entry at the 100 year celebration of Angus in Australia and did not disappoint us winning his class. Like all the Highpoints, N64 has those \$ traits that you need if selling in the sale yard system – growth, breed type, sire appeal, hair type and body capacity. He is also nicely above breed average across most of the measured performance traits, and in particular is in the top 5% for carcase weight.

Navigator N206 is one of the younger bulls in the two year old draft, but he has powered to the top in his raw performance, ranking in the top two for ADG in a mob of 76 at 400 and 600 day weigh ins. As a result, he is in the top 1% of all 2017 drop Angus calves for all the growth traits and carcase weight, as well as being top 20% for EMA and top 15% for IMF. He will be the first bull we have sold to rank in the top 1% of all the Angus Breeding Indexes. In Bartel E7 and Design Plus 97 he has two of the principal bulls in his maternal pedigree which we have built our herd around. We rate him highly and will retain 200 straws of semen for in herd use as well as nominating him for the Angus Sire Benchmarking program.

Angus Sire Benchmarking

For a number of years now we have done our best to get our herd linked up with the Angus Sire Benchmarking program. This breed evaluation program run by Angus Australia and co funded by the MLA undertakes large A.I. programs in commercial herds with the progeny analyses going right through to the carcase stage. Early on in the program's inception we used A.I. sires Dunoon Evident E614 and Aryvale Bartel E7 in our herd which gave us a direct link with the benchmarking data. Our sire Wattletop Sitz E111 was in the benchmarking program, as was Booramooka Frankel F510 and Murray el Grando G20. Highpoint H744 went through the program as well in Cohort 6.

This year's slaughter steers from Cohort 7 include progeny of Bowmont King K306, Wattletop Lock L4, Gates Kipling K7, Dulverton Larry L154 and Millah Murrah Lock Up L133 – all bulls we have used either through natural service or A.I. These links have really allowed our in-herd data to be very robust and reflect where our animals sit within the Angus breed. The direct carcase data generated from these sires increases the accuracy of the data behind the bulls we offer for sale.

We also continue to measure as much as possible on farm, which is displayed as Traits Observed on each individual sale lot. Birthweights, and then weaning and 400 to 600 day weights are collected in large management groups. Likewise, we add on farm scanning for carcase traits into the performance model. Almost 30 years of carcase data from our own commercial herd from sire identified steers tracked through feedlot systems also adds to our knowledge of how our cattle can perform.

For the first time this year all our sale bulls have had DNA testing carried out. This gives us full sire verification on each bull as well as providing genomic information that is included in the EBV's. This process adds accuracy to our EBV's as well as allowing some bulls to move further away from their mid parent prediction.

Commercial females

We will once again line up just over 100 commercial females drafted into pens of 15 to 18 head. They are all EU accredited and represent the genetics of our Angus herd. Many will be sisters to the bulls in the sale. Bowmont King K306, Trowbridge Equator J19, Ascott Evident H146, Dunoon Litchfield L49 and Baldridge Bronc will be represented in the older pens. In the younger age group, Dunoon Decimal K1354, Knowla Jimmy Bartel J4, Ascott Evident H146, Dunoon Regent K736 and Eastern Plains Estate H38 will have daughters.

They will represent both our autumn and spring calving herds and be 15/16 months and 10/11 months of age respectively. We anticipate that we will get the majority of them comfortably to joining weights by sale day. Whilst maybe not in individual sale pens, they should be available for inspection at this years open day now it is going to be held at Kia Ora.

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Health treatments

- All unassisted at birth • Yard weaned and educated to bunk feeding • Vaccinated 7 in 1 • Vaccinated Vibrio • Vaccinated 3 Day Sickness • Tested Pestivirus

KNOWLA LIVESTOCK Bulls

BLAN159 - Lot 2



Sire: Bowmont King K306

CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	ABI
+1.5	+2.5	+79	+103	+57	+11.8	+2.3	\$142

BLAN106 - Lot 5



Sire: Pathfinder General K7

CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	ABI
+1.2	+4.9	+90	+121	+65	+10.4	+2.0	\$143

BLAN170 - Lot 9



Sire: Wattletop Lock L4

CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	ABI
-1.6	+5.7	+101	+133	+81	+5.4	+3.2	\$147

BLAP26 - Lot 19



Sire: Baldridge Bronc

CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	ABI
+4.6	+2.2	+101	+127	+77	+8.3	+2.1	\$141

BLAP05 - Lot 21



Sire: Dunoon Kind K1354

CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	ABI
-0.3	+5.6	+108	+146	+92	+8.6	+2.5	\$142

BLAP08 - Lot 22



Sire: Dunoon Kind K1354

CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	ABI
+1.0	+4.5	+93	+124	+73	+9.4	+2.4	\$136

Health treatments

- Semen tested and Vet Soundness
- Tested for genetic status
- Independently structurally assessed
- Farm Biosecurity Plan implemented J-BAS 7

Knowla Livestock bulls

BLAN209 - Lot 31



Sire: Bowmont King K306

CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	ABI
+0.8	+4.8	+82	+98	+65	+11.5	+1.7	\$121

BLAN227 - Lot 15



Sire: Bowmont King K306

CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	ABI
+4.1	+1.4	+91	+112	+69	+10.7	+3.1	\$142

International visitors

At the end of May, Mark Sansom from NH Foods Beef Trading division paid us a visit with the owner of the second largest Chinese importer of Australian beef. Mr Yu from Shanghai Fuzheng Trading Co and two of his most senior employees, Lisa and Jo Jo spent a few hours at Knowla learning how we produce beef in Australia from a grass-fed perspective. We supply a large number of cattle to NH Foods throughout the year, so are always willing to help them grow their customer relationships.

And the kids are..

Busy – but all chasing their own agendas! Sandy has resigned from his Sydney job to go back to University to do a Masters in Agricultural and Environmental Science. We have seen a bit more of him – but not on the end of the Quick Spray unit as yet! Doug is starting to get the hours up as a helicopter pilot at Victoria River Downs in the N.T., so we haven't seen him at all. Not going to be as easy this year getting the birthweights without him. Rob has almost completed his university degree on exchange at Purdue University in Indiana, prior to doing an internship for a large U.S. hops growing company in Yakima, Washington State.

Jack is busy, (we hope) getting through his Rural Science degree at UNE Armidale. It seems he spends a fair bit of time researching new bulls and is in the process of setting up a company to market semen. Georgia is well into her gap year as a ringer at Dalgonally Station in northern QLD. She has spent plenty of time fencing after the floods there, and now they are concentrating on inducting cattle coming in from other stations to make use of post flood feed.

In the show ring

We made a return to the Sydney Show ring this year in the stud ring after an absence of twenty years for the 100 year celebration of Angus in Australia. Jack and Georgia love the show ring scene so prepared a team led by National N72 to be part of the celebrations. Studs from six states brought forward over 320 head for the feature show and it was a great event that the Angus breed can be proud of. As one of the youngest bulls in the senior section we were delighted when National N72 won his class. Both our steers and heifers managed some minor placings and we were pleased how they represented our herd. National N72 has been brought back to reality now – out with 35 heifers and calves!



Jo Jo, Ted, Mr Yu, Lisa and James

Congratulations George and Sue

In a really tough and sometimes fickle year to market weaners George and Sue Lyons hit some goals with their calves this year. Early in March they sent their crossbred calves to the Virbac Invitational Weaner sale at Tamworth and were awarded the Champion Pen, and they sold for \$920. A fortnight later their purebred Angus calves went to the Ray White Angus Feature sale at Armidale. Their steers were awarded the Reserve Champion pen whilst their heifers won the Champion Female Pen award. Weighing in at 354 kilograms the steer pen topped the market when they sold for \$1130. The heifers also topped their section selling for \$752, weighing 320 kilograms. To get broad ribbons against the best the New England and Tamworth regions have to offer is a tremendous effort.



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