

Record Sale Result

Stud breeders and large scale commercial operators competed against each other from the outset to produce records in every category at our thirteenth annual sale. 43 rising two year old bulls sold to \$40,000 to average \$17,255 and 36 yearling bulls sold to \$36,000 to average \$16,805 for an overall average of \$17,050 for the 79 bulls offered. Six PTIC stud heifers sold to \$17,000 and averaged \$9,666 whilst 91 unjoined commercial heifers topped at \$4,200 and averaged \$3,278.

Admired by many, the Knowla Monty M186 son at Lot 3, Quadrunner Q124 set a new overall sale record when he sold to \$40,000 to Bill and Judy MacDonald, Blackjack Pastoral, Lostock. Q124 had a sale weight of 914 kilograms with a 46cm scrotal as well as having twelve EBV traits in the top 20% of the breed. The yearling record was also established when the first Full Force son in the ring, Reactor R31, from Doris K73, sold to \$36,000 to Paul Barnett, Mondrook, Wingham. R31 was the heaviest of the yearling group weighing 766 kilograms at 17 months of age, and also had twelve EBV traits in the top 20% of the breed. Both of these operations secured a second bull paying \$16,000 and \$13,000 respectively.

The five Full Force sons from K73 averaged \$28,000, with Reactor R51 going to Herb Duddy's Sara Park Angus at Glen Innes. Another of the flush sold to long term clients, John and Di Stidolpf at Markwell. Matt Stidolpf Waukivory, selected two sons of Knowla Novatel N131 at \$34,000 and \$32,000, whilst Yamba Angus, Orange paid \$20,000 for their pick of the Novatel's, Royal R15.

Repeat clients, the Johnston family, Gloucester River, and Mark and Wendy Vaile, Cedar Party both paid \$28,000 for their choices, Quasimodo Q142 and JRGV Quamby Q119 respectively. Don and Alison Cameron, Glenora, Walcha, paid \$26,000 for their choice, the Monty son, Q118.

Ellerston Pastoral, Scone, took home eight bulls at close to the sale average to a top of \$22,000 for another of the Full Force K73 sons. Several buyers put together a draft of two bulls, including new clients, the Hayes family, Inverary, Scone, Rob Blain, Mt Crosby, Gloucester, Powerall Gresford, Geoff and Ros Morgan, Dwyers Crossing, Smith Brothers, Callaghans Creek, and Kingaroy Pastoral, Ebor.

Repeat clients, Tomkat Pastoral, Bunyah and Victoria Park, Tea Gardens also put together drafts of two bulls. Long term clients, Col and Kerry Meyn Singleton, Penny O'Meara, Gresford, Garry and Kerry Gooch, Bulahdelah, Tim and Robyn McNamara, Halliday's Point, Ken and Kellie Harvey, Markwell, Jim Dixon, Coonanmble, Mark and Lee Lathem, Curlewis, and Josh and Penny Evans, Vacy were all successful securing single lots towards the front of the catalogue above the sale average price.

Regular local clients, Allen and Di Shultz, Cameron Laurie Partnership, Bob Crittenden, Kyran Laurie, the Moore family, Joe Berry and Greg and Gai Falla all selected one bull.

One of the pleasing aspects of the sale was the number of bulls that sold in the \$10,000 to \$12,000 range catering for all budgets. New clients, Steve Carter, Rangari, Gunnedah put together a draft of three bulls at an average of \$10,666 and Ralph Schroers, Kangaroo Hills, Walcha, secured three at an average of \$10,000.

The demand for good genetics did not waiver when the female portion of the catalogue entered the ring. The PTIC stud heifers reached \$17,000 when Ben and Archie Crowe, Glenfaba Angus, Timor selected Kruger Q153, PTIC to Knowla Nobleman N127. Losing bidder on Kruger Q153, Jeff Duddy, Glen Innes operating via Auctions Plus then went onto to secure Sal Q171. Craig Atkinson operating on behalf of Segenhoe Stud, Aberdeen put together a draft of three stud heifers at an average of \$7,666.

The six pens of unjoined commercial heifers also met with spirited competition topping at a record \$4,200 for a pen of 15 to Garth and Leanne Mathews, Gloucester River. Matt Moy, Sutton Forest, who purchased the top pen last year, returned to pay an average of \$3,400 for two pens. Mark and Liam Mowbray, Marlee Angus, Barrington paid \$3,200 for a pen of 15. Ross Wilkinson, Singleton was also a repeat purchaser paying \$2,700 for his pen.

The sale was conducted by Elders Walcha, an association with the Elders Stud Stock team. Paul Dooley acted as the auctioneer.