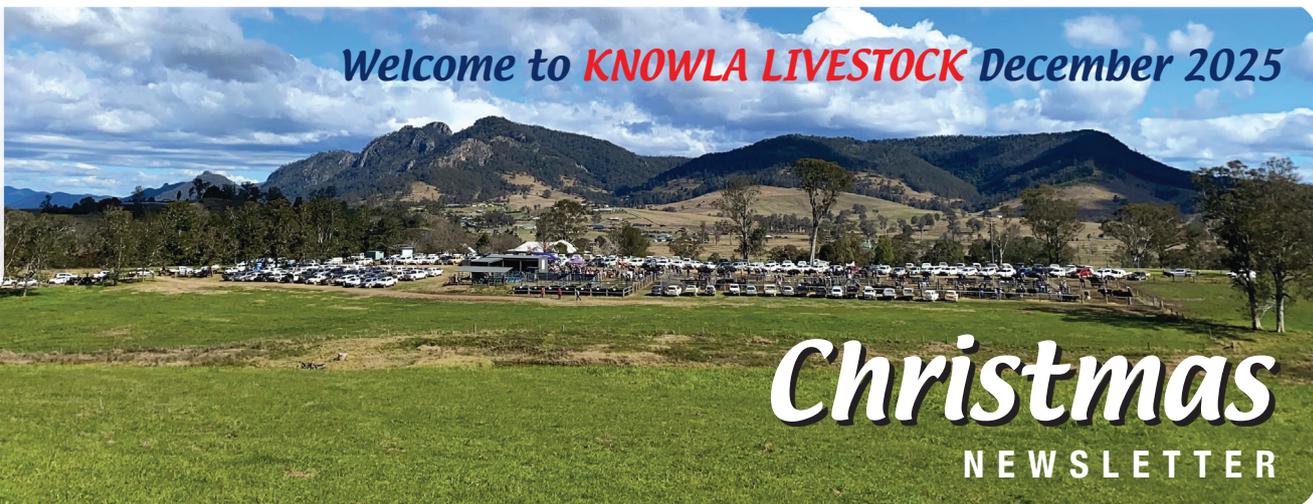




Welcome to **KNOWLA LIVESTOCK** December 2025



# Christmas

## NEWSLETTER

As we contemplate the year that was, the weather conditions made it one to remember. Prolonged wet periods resulted in a one in fifty-year flood here at Moppy, with even more severe flooding downstream. When the rain did finally stop at the end of August, it really stopped! The excess winter moisture gave us a good start to spring, but as often is the case on the coast we could not get the follow up rain to keep the season going. As we wait for the summer storms to kick in we are thankful that our cowherd is in good shape, and we will be expecting good preg test results in the new year. Steer turnoff has been ahead of schedule, as finally the market has flipped from 'supply driven' to 'demand driven'. Longer term forecasts for both the weather and market conditions are in our favour.

Our sale was again a highlight for us, even if the wet weather presented plenty of challenges. Stud interest was again prominent on the better bulls with interstate competition a feature. Front end prices maintained the levels of 2024, but people operating to lower budgets could also get good bulls throughout the catalogue with thirty bulls selling in the six to ten thousand dollar bracket.

Next years sale team are progressing nicely, with scanning and freeze branding of the older mob just completed, whilst the autumn group are now weaned and on one of our best paddocks of feed. Whilst we are a little short of available feed in front of us at the moment, we will be depending on summer storms to bring relief, and we will need to keep our grazing management spot on to keep the bulls ticking along.

As in other year's, we will be offering a mixture of returning and new sire lines at our 2026 sale. Sought after sire groups at this years sale, So Right S48, Baldrige Versatile and Lawsons Rocky are all again represented with decent drafts. Of note are a group of flush brothers sired by Versatile from Designer Q90, who produced the 2023 sale toppers sired by Prime Minister. The Nobleman N127 sons, Superior S44 and Revolution R190 will be represented again, as will Dulverton Smart Missile S068. Calving ease specialist Landfall Signature S1755, will again be well represented in the younger group.

A number of first-time sires have significant drafts, including two USA semen sires in Hoover About It and Conneally Way Maker. The About It sons are light birth, but with plenty of early growth.

The data says they will produce daughters with well above breed average milk, making them an ideal option for weaner production. The Way Maker's are displaying plenty of length and extra yield with similar high early growth.

Glenisa Moe S154 also makes his debut this year with a nice draft of bulls displaying moderate growth but with high yield, and he also has excellent milk data. One of the high sellers of our 2023 sale, Knowla Statesman S105, purchased by Hewitt Cattle Co, has his first draft and they will be well represented in the front pens. An embryo son of Prime Minister and Designer K79, he has produced a draft with extra growth, whilst maintaining the above average carcass data we pursue.

We are excited about the potential of the team and anticipate that there will be prospective stud sires in the mix. We have already identified a Versatile son in Versatile V155 and a Revolution R190 son in V.I.P. V264 as stud potential. V155 is from an outstanding young Monty M186 daughter, and we have used him as a joining sire this spring.

We also introduced two new lines into this year's spring joining with the walking sire Bald Blair Ubiquitous U222 currently out working. Top seller at this year's Bald Blair production sale, U222 is moderate for growth but with plenty of shape and exceptional carcass merit. We joined forces with the Urban and Heart Angus studs to purchase Millah Murrah Vin Diesel V330 at \$120,000. Sired by the sought after Millah Murrah Trigger T308, V330 has great thickness with a balanced data set.

Two retained sires in the Signature S1755 son Verified V66 and the Nobleman N127 son, Vix V99 have calves on the way, as does the USA semen sire Basin Keystone. Already on the ground and showing outstanding potential are our first calves of the \$275,000 Cluden Newry Uppercut U15. With breed leading gestation length and calving ease, the Uppercut's display a lot of style and presence, and we have used him heavily again this spring.

It is an exciting time to be involved with the Angus breed, with the market acceptance they create, and the diversity of genetics available is unsurpassed in the beef industry. We always encourage interested buyers to call us and arrange a visit to Moppy to spend some time with us and see our program in action.

**MARK THE DATE**  
**18th Annual Sale**  
**FRIDAY JULY 31st 2026**





## Another outstanding sale

Interstate stud competition and strong local commercial support produced an outstanding result at our sale. Whilst the wet seasonal conditions made the preparation difficult, the bulls still presented well, albeit at slightly lighter weights than in previous years.

It didn't take long for the sale to reach its peak at Lot 4, when Brad Cameron "Kilima" Roma QLD bid \$90,000 for Ultra U141. Sired by Baldrige Versatile from a two year old Nobleman N127 daughter, Ultra weighed 848 kilograms with the Seaham based Boambee Angus stud the losing bidder. Another Queensland based stud in Bulliac Angus at Miles paid \$40,000 for the Knowla Superior S44 son, Understudy U121. The Revolution R190 son, Uprising U229 made \$54,000 to the Cameron family at Glenora, Walcha. All three top sellers were bound for semen collection centres. Also a son of R190, Ultimate U180 made \$34,000 to Bootawah Pastoral Tinonee.

Leading local commercial breeders, the Gooch family put together four bulls between them to a top of \$28,000 for the Versatile son, Ultra U231. Gary Yates, Bowman Farm, paid to \$16,000 for three sires, including the So Right S48 son Validate V35. Another So Right, Ultimate U149 made \$28,000 to Darryl Johnston, Gloucester River.

Nobleman N127 sons attracted strong competition with Amos and Hart, Comboyne paying \$36,000 for Upshot U161, whilst Tomkat Pastoral, Bunyah paid \$38,000 for Upshot U152. Another, N127 son, Upshot U202 made \$24,000 to Joe Berry, Buri West Walcha.

Bowers Cattle and Ag, Singleton purchased two sons of Knowla Rockefeller R108 to a top of \$28,000 for United U211. Another R108 son went to Yamba Woota Angus at Lostock for \$24,000. Rob and Julianne Blain, Mount Crosby, Gloucester loaded two bulls to a top of \$26,000 for the So Right S48 son, Ultimate U135, whilst the Carlon family, Blendee, Uralla selected a So Right, Ultimate U176 at \$24,000. ANC Grazing, Scone selected two lots at \$22,000, Uranium U156 and Utah U120.

Trevor and Joan Murray, Burrell Creek paid \$26,000 for their choice, the Lawson's Rocky son, Uppercut U216. Also at the same money the Rocky son, Uppercut U190 went to the Sepos family, Cenrim Agriculture, Allworth. Another Rocky, Visionary V51 made \$24,000 to Greg and Gai Falla Faulkland. Luke Nicholls, Tollua Cattle Co Singleton selected the Confidence Plus 804 son, Vegas V88 at \$28,000 whilst Wilson's Peak Angus at Old Koreelah paid \$22,000 for their selection, Viking V100, a son of Landfall New Ground R1496.

Volume buyers included Ellerston Station, Ellerston who put together a draft of four to a top of \$14,000 for the Rocky son, Uppercut U220. Ross Crump, Pokolbin loaded three sires to a top of \$18,000 for Upshot U227. Paul Barnett, Mondrook, Kevin Mathews, Walcha and Black Springs Partnership, Barraba all purchased three sires.

The six joined stud females sold to a top of \$18,000 for the So Right S48 daughter, Panda U186 on the point of calving to Cluden Newry Uppercut U15 to Richard and Jenifer O'Neill. Wherrol Flat. Blackwater Angus, Narromine selected two lots to a top of \$16,000 for Designer U157, whilst the Tregoning family Quorrobolong also landed two heifers. Merewether Angus Bowman paid \$14,000 for their choice, the So Right daughter Dandaloo U172.

The sale was completed with 99 unjoined commercial heifers selling to a top of \$3,400 and averaged \$2500. Ross Crump, Pokolbin secured the top lot as well as another pen at \$2300. Blackjack Pastoral, Mount Rivers paid \$3200 for their pen whilst the purchaser of the top priced bull, Brad Cameron paid \$2500 for a pen.



Brian Kennedy (Elders), Jack, James, Lincoln McLinlay, Allan Laurie (Elders), Brad Cameron, Paul Dooley and Georgia with the \$90,000 Knowla Ultra U141.

*Thanks to all those supporters who made our sale a huge success.*

- 79 Angus bulls average \$17,177 • 6 PTIC stud heifers average \$13,666
- 99 unjoined commercial heifers average \$2,501



## Steers continue to perform

The Merriwa Woolworths feedlot trial was held at Alexander Downs again this year and both our steers, and our client's steers represented us very well once again. The single class of sixty-seven pens of three steers from throughout northern NSW were fed together for 100 days, and then analyzed for weight gain, live confirmation, health, market suitability, carcass score and overall profitability making for a very comprehensive trial. We had two pens of steers whilst clients, JS Angus, Wallanbah Pastoral and Hillsvieview each had a single pen.

Our pen of Bowmont King blood steers were placed 5th in the liveweight judging, and ranked 4th overall for liveweight gain. They were 3rd for profitability, and 4th overall throughout the full competition point score. Our second team were 8th for liveweight gain, 6th for profitability and 11th overall. On the carcass Wallanbah Pastoral's team sired by a Monty M186 son, R170, were the reserve champion pen of carcasses. Impressive result when you consider the number of Euro cross steers in the competition. The Wallanbah team were placed 9th overall. JS Angus steers again performed well, 3rd for liveweight gain, 8th for profitability and 6th overall. It is very pleasing to see purebred Angus steers perform so consistently in an all-breeds trial that is part of a supply chain delivering every week of the year to Woolworths.

We continue to supply steers to Pymble Ladies College for them to compete at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza. Not quite as industry relevant as the Alexander Downs trial, but very educational nonetheless, just on 350 head competed in the led carcass classes at this year's Bonanza. The girls do an excellent job of preparing the steers to compete against predominantly Euro cross entrants where you normally expect the purebred British steers to struggle to compete for carcass yield. Last year we were delighted when Pymble won their carcass class and they didn't disappoint this year. A Bowmont King steer, Knowla Vinnie, placed second this year in his class but to the eventual overall Grand Champion, and with 91.8 carcass points was the reserve Champion overall. He was also awarded the Heavyweight Jackpot and Overall Champion Jackpot award for hoof and hook points, collecting just over \$4,000 in prizemoney for the Pymble Ag club. He, along with the other Knowla steer was also part of the winning school's team on the hook. Congratulations girls!

On the home front, our final truck of 2024 born steers headed to the feedlot last week. 100 were autumn born calves and went in July and the first truck of 150 spring born calves went in early October. After a tough winter we were delighted with their entry weights, averaging 452 kilograms upon entry at 13 to 15 months of age across the five truck loads. A small truck load that didn't make the July trucks for various reasons, odd one too heavy, a couple of clouded eyes and the majority just the lightest in the mob were consigned in early November into the grassfed slaughter market at JBS. For young cattle they produced an exceptional result, with 18 of the 22 producing a MSA Index in the top 1%, and an average marbling score of 3.64. Nine of the load produced a marbling score of 4 or higher to obtain the 40 cents marbling premium, with 2 marbling scores at 7. These steers were a cross section of our commercial herd bloodlines with Lawsons Rocky, LJG So Special S191 and Bowmont King the high marbling steers. It is testimony to the ability of the Angus breed to perform off grass obtaining high carcass scores at a young age which must be recognized from an emissions footprint going forward.

### STEER FEEDBACK AVERAGE

No	HSCW	EMA	Ossification	AusMarb	MsaMarb	RibFat	PH	MSA Index	Price	\$ Head
22	324	87	129	3.64	624	10	5.56	66.29	\$9.15	\$2968



Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza Reserve Champion Carcass Knowla Vinnie.



Merriwa Woolworths Trial Overall 4th placed team sired by Bowmont King.



*Wishing everyone  
a prosperous and happy  
Christmas and New year.*



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