

The Sale

Sale day this year is **Friday July 29th at Kanangara, Kia Ora**, where we will present just on 80 performance recorded bulls, six selected PTIC stud heifers and 100 unjoined commercial heifers. Planning is well underway with deadlines to be met for our catalogue production and performance data input. All the stud animals have been ultrasound scanned and genomic tested to provide both high accuracy data and guarantee their pedigree information.

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

The cattle market continues apace with all classes of livestock attracting strong competition, and indications are it will remain that way as well. Forward contracts through to the end of winter for both slaughter and feedlot cattle are inked in at prices above current levels. We put a lot of effort into maintaining genetic gain in our herd, and so it is always encouraging to hear reports of how our genetics perform in the marketplace.

Whilst it is difficult to keep an account of all our client's stock there have been some outstanding results in the weaner sales. At the top end the "Buri West" calves owned by Joe Berry and prepared by Dean and Mandy Woods stole the show when their top draft of 98 calves averaged \$2540 on Auctions Plus at the end of March. Locally, the lead calves from Greg and Gai Falla and Mackas Pastoral both made just over \$2400 in the Gloucester saleyards. At the special Singleton weaner sale, Graham Chavalley's top pen also reached the \$2400 mark. Throughout the industry producers are getting paid for their investment in both genetics and their pasture management.

Preparation

Every season brings a whole set of new challenges in the farming game, and this year has been no different! It started raining in November and feels like it hasn't stopped! The only occasion from November to April that there is a sequence of more than five days without a recording on our rainfall charts was seven days at Easter time. We state our annual rainfall as 1000 ml, but this six-month period has produced over 1100 ml. Luckily, only a one in fifty-year flood in March – at a similar level to our 2021 flood – so two big ones in two years.

The upside of all this rain was no summer feed gap, and the resultant liveweight kilograms that occurred across the herd. The downside has been the challenges sowing winter feed, which have been considerable, and the difficulty with weaning, preg testing and marking calves in wet yards. Our high-country helicopter pasture established at Moppy is looking good, but not so in the lower tractor sown areas. At Kia Ora, it is a similar story, with late establishment in wet ground putting the pressure on for July feed for the bulls. They are ahead of schedule from a weight perspective, so just need to keep enough in front of them to keep them happy!

Inspections invited

Our sale teams are always available for inspection, and we encourage pre-sale inspections as it can get fairly hectic on sale day. We have put aside **Friday July 15th at Kia Ora** as an organised inspection day, with the bulls penned in the sale pens for the day, but if this does not suit please call so we arrange another time.

PRE SALE INSPECTION

at KANANGARA Kia Ora FRIDAY JULY 15th from 10am

SALE at KANANGARA Kia Ora FRIDAY JULY 29th at 1pm

From Gloucester travel 3.5kms 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 onto Old Kai Ora road for 2km down to sale complex.

2022 Sale Team Lot 25 - BLA21S48



Sire: Baldridge Alternative EI25

CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	\$A-L
+2.3	+4.3	+104	+131	+85	+9.6	+3.2	\$419

Lot 26 - BLA21S24



Sire: Baldridge Alternative EI25

CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	\$A-L	
+5.4	+4.3	+101	+128	+81	+9.6	+2.6	\$437	

The Genetics

Recent stories in the rural press outlining the Angus premium, measured on Auctions Plus sales, is a perfect example of the value in investing in improved genetics. We spend a lot of time collecting and submitting accurate and comprehensive performance data, allowing breeders to maintain their rate of genetic gain enabling them to capture their share of the Angus premium.

We feel this year's team of bulls offer our clients a wide range of choice relative to their target market under varied environmental and production models. We continue to introduce new genetic lines into our herd giving our clients access to the latest genetics.

This year GAR Ashland, Baldridge Alternative E125 and GB Fireball 672, all high use USA A.I. sires make their debut in our catalogue with twentyone sons between them. The first two Ashland's in at Lots 3 and 4 are eye catching individuals with well above breed average growth and solid carcase data. The Alternative sons lead off the younger bull draft at Lots 25 and 26 and are powerfully made individuals with added carcase expression. In particular, Lot 25 is easy to recommend out of an outstanding Designer cow. The Fireball sons include three fully imported embryo brothers who are moderate in their growth but rank highly for EMA and IMF.

Another first-time sire in Landfall Nobleman N106 has a limited number of sons but at Lot 7 is an outstanding individual who has to be admired for his growth and scope. An increased number of N106 sons will be in the catalogue next year. Likewise, Clunes Crossing Dusty M13 has two full ET brothers with above average carcase data.

Over the past few years our Reality blood cows have produced some outstanding progeny, and this year is no exception with several of the lead bulls from Reality females. For that reason, we added two Reality blood bulls into our sire list in Karoo K12 Realist N278 and Inglebrae Farms Reality N6. Both have produced some standout sons and at Lot 1 the N6 son is easy to recommend. Likewise at Lot 27 the Realist N278 son will create plenty of attention.

For the fourth year, Bowmont King K306 and Dunoon Kind K1354 are represented. Both have sons in the front pen at Lot 2 and Lot 6 and are characterized by their placid temperament, exceptional shape, and overall carcase merit. At Lot 49 another King son will catch your attention. The King son, Nobleman N127 makes his debut with a run of calving ease, moderate sons that display softness and capacity. Lots 29 and 55 typify the carcase excellence that N127 delivers.

The Highpoint line is again represented, both directly and through his son Monty M186. These sons power their way into the front pens on the back of impressive structure and added muscle expression.

Homebred sires Novatel N131 and Payload P175 have smaller numbers catalogued but include some noteworthy individuals. At lot 28 the Novatel son is one of the youngest bulls in the sale, but his performance has seen him placed in the front pen of the yearling group.

Females

We will present six stud heifers selected from our retained spring calving group to be sold as individual lots, commencing at Lot 85. They are all PTIC and will be getting close to calving on sale day and are sample of the genetics coming into our female herd. Three GAR Ashland's including one fully imported embryo, two sired by Inglebrae Nobleman N6 and one daughter of Nobleman N127 make up the pen. We selected them essentially as we have full sisters retained or several sisters closely related. Two are in calf to the \$130,000 Lawson's Rocky R4010 and four joined to Knowla Royal R46 who sold as yearling for \$34,000 at our sale last year.

As in past years 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 all the sires we have been using in both our spring and autumn calving herds.



Buy and Sell stock nationally

Individual videos available prior to the sale.

Health treatments

KNOWLA LIVESTOCK Bulls Lot I -BLARI35



 Sire:
 Inglebrae
 Farms
 Nobleman
 N6

 CE.Dir
 Birth
 400
 600
 CWT
 EMA
 IMF%
 \$A-L

 +10.1
 +1.3
 +89
 +110
 +67
 +12.5
 +1.9
 \$410

Lot 7 - BLAR 129



Sire: Landfall Nobleman N 106 CE.Dir Birth 400 600 CWT EMA IMF% \$A-L +4.9 +3.5 +115 +156 +92 +6.6 +2.3 \$396

Lot 49 - BLAR247



Sire: Bowmont King K306										
CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	\$A-L			
+1.2	+5.3	+88	+121	+79	+8.7	+2.1	\$338			

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

Lot 3 - BLARI3I



Sire: GAR Ashland CE.Dir Birth 400 600 CWT **EMA** IMF% \$A-L +5.3 +4.1+110 +143+82+7.5+2.0\$439

Lot 17 - BLAR239



Sire: Bowmont King K306 600 CE.Dir Birth 400 CWT EMA IMF% \$A-L +2.7 +4.6+88+115+76 +11.4+3.3\$404

Lot 55 - LJGR177



Sire: Knowla Nobleman N127										
CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	\$A-L			
+9.2	+0.5	+93	+110	+69	+10.7	+4.0	\$430			

Health treatments

Knowla Livestock bulls

Lot 27 - BLA21S08



Sire: Karoo KI2 Realist N278 CE.Dir **Birth** 400 600 CWT \$A-I **EMA** IMF% +4.1+106+142\$391 +3.4+83+5.3+2.6

Steer success for Pymble

Pymble Ladies College continues to have success with Knowla bred steers in Hoof and Hook competitions. Pymble came away with a swag of ribbons at the RAS in April this year with two steers entered in both the Schools and Open competitions, Knowla Squirrel and Knowla Squirt.

In the Schools section, Squirrel, sired by Bowmont King, won his liveweight class and then sold for \$9.40 a kg liveweight to return just over \$4,000. On the hook he managed third place as a carcase, but was the class winner of the Taste Test. He was also selected to represent the Angus breed in the Interbreed Pen of Three carcase competition, where the Angus team came second to the Limousin team. He was also the winner of the Noel Williams Shield as the most successful Angus steer in the school's carcase competition.

Knowla Squirt competed in the Open division and was placed third in the liveweight judging. Sired by US sire Baldridge Alternative, and most likely the first Alternative steer to be exhibited in Australia, he won his carcase class and the Reserve Champion Middleweight Carcase, with a score of 89 points. Squirt also came second in the class for Taste Test, just pipped by another Bowmont King steer bred by the Barker family and exhibited by Yanco Ag College.



Andrew Talbot from Killara Feedlot outlining what is required on farm for feedlot preparation.

Lot 29 - BLA21S44



Sire: Knowla Nobleman N127										
CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	CWT	EMA	IMF%	\$A-L			
+8.6	+1.6	+105	+140	+80	+7.6	+3.1	\$411			



Noel Williams Shield winner for the most successful Angus steer in the RAS School Carcase competition, Knowla Squirrel, exhibited by Pymble Ladies College.

Genetics day at Moppy

Just over 100 Knowla clients and interested cattle producers braved the wet conditions and attended our Genetics Day at Moppy last month. Keynote speaker, the MLA's Jason Strong gave a very robust and confident view of Australia's position in the world beef market. Prior to his presentation, Jack Laurie outlined the genetic gains that we have been able to make at Knowla, and Christian Duff gave an insight into the Angus Sire Benchmarking program, whilst Brad Hine outlined his work with identifying Immune Competency traits to assist with reduced dependance on antibiotics in feedlots.

After a lunch prepared by Gloucester Rotary, Andrew Talbot from Killara feedlot spoke about the on-farm preparation that enhances feedlot performance. Bill Hoffman rounded the day out with a session on utilizing EBV's to assist in sire selection for different market situations.



MLA Managing Director, Jason Strong gave an upbeat presentation on beef industry prospects.



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