

## Big lift in Kamora Park average

A magnificent line-up of 183 Poll Merinos greeted the crowd that included 38 registered bidders at the Kamora Park Poll Merino ram sale last Friday morning. They were very well grown despite the less than ideal season to date, displayed elite quality wools, and as expected at Kamora Park, exceptional carcasses.

These dual purpose characteristics were certainly appreciated by the bidders present who bid up strongly, and while the top price was down \$1800 on last year, the average was up \$198. The numbers on offer were in excess of buyer requirements, a deliberate action by the vendors, Colin, Julie, Katelyn and Wade Boughen to ensure all budgets were catered for.

Overall 146 rams cleared on the day to a top of \$5600 and averaged \$1370, which included 128 in the main auction averaging \$1488. The Boughen's desire to present affordable rams was achieved, with 42% selling from \$400 to \$1000.

Separating the bidding were Gordon Wood, Richard Miller and Murray Bullen for sale agents Landmark; rapid fire at the beginning, but as budgets were filled, became more selective as the sale went on.

The buying commenced with John and Paul Wegner, Wegner Brothers, Karoonda picking up lot 1, KP131 for \$3000. They continued their strong bidding throughout the sale, including KP714 for \$3800 and averaged \$1650 in purchasing 22 rams overall. They are regularly the biggest volume purchasers at the Kamora Park sales.

The \$5600 top price this year was successfully bid by Steen Paech, bidding for Bruce and Shirley Willison, Mt Pleasant. They paid this for lot 3, KP500, sired by KP522. On top of a well-balanced big frame, the ram had a 20.3 micron, 2.7 SD, 13.3 CV and 99.5 CF fleece, was +6.6 for yearling weight and had a dual purpose index of 146.

Both underbidders came to buy this ram with one also underbidder on the second top ram, KP1214 that went for \$4400 to CS & GD Schubert from Murray Bridge, one of three top rams they purchased at a \$3000 average.

Three rams sold at \$3800, the one to Wegner Brothers, one to Inglebrae Holdings, Callington and one to JP & C Hein, Murray Bridge.

Andrew Wall, Wall & Neindorf, Langidoon Station via Broken Hill is a regular big volume buyer at Kamora Park. This year he purchased 17 rams, paying to \$900 and at an exceptional value \$668 average. This was made up with 11 from the main auction and six from the mini auction including one at \$900, the top for that section of the sale.

The other buyer to purchase double figure rams was LD & S Stasinowsky & Co, Mantung. They paid to \$1400 twice and averaged \$970 for 10 rams.

Ian Symonds, Why Gee Pastoral, Karoonda was a solid bidder throughout on select lots and purchased six rams, paying to \$2000 twice, and averaged \$1600.

Scott Dinham, Taillem Bend was very strong on the lots he selected, purchasing five top rams, to a \$3000 top twice and averaged \$2700.

Other prominent buyers included MH & NE Falting & Sons, Loxton (six rams to \$1700 and average \$1350), Brad Champness, through Fox, Lillie Rural, Melton, Vic (five to \$1800 and average \$1460), JK Pfitzner, Wanbi (five to \$1200 and average \$860) and Ray Kowald, Kevradale Pastoral Co, Taillem Bend (six high value rams to \$850 and average \$550).

Sale summary	2015	2014
Offered	183	183
Sold	146	168
Top	\$5600	\$7400
Average	\$1370	\$1172

Agents: Landmark Lameroo & Karoonda – Keller Livestock & Byme Ag.



*Pictured with the \$5600 top priced ram at the Boughen family's Kamora Park Poll Merino ram sale are Landmark auctioneer Richard Miller, Landmark Keller Livestock's Michael Lawrence, Katelyn Boughen, Tyson Paech, Callington representing purchasers Shirley and Bruce Willison from Mt Pleasant, and Wade Boughen holding the ram.*



*Key volume buyers at the Kamora Park sale, and pictured with Landmark auctioneer Murray Bullen are Andrew Wall, Broken Hill (17 rams to \$900), and John and Paul Wegner, Karoonda (22 rams to \$3800).*



*Keeping a very close eye on Landmark auctioneer, Gordon Wood and placing a bid at the Kamora Park Poll Merino ram sale is regular client, Scott Dinham, Tailem Bend. Scott's bid was successful, being for one of 5 top tams he purchased at this sale at a \$2700 average.*