

Kamora Park quality impressive

A superb and even quality line-up of well grown Poll Merinos, displaying good early growth and carcase attributes and carrying soft, well defined and long stapled wools was penned for buyers at Colin and Julie Boughen and family's annual Kamora Park ram sale at Sandalwood last Friday.

They were rewarded by a good crowd of mostly repeat clients, with 29 registered bidders and 25 successful in purchasing from one to twenty one rams in the main auction of 149 rams. 130 of these cleared to a top of \$3100 and averaged a very solid \$1080.

A further 52 mini auction rams were available and of these 27 sold, all at \$400 each.

Two buying accounts dominated the volume buying stakes.

Long term regular buyers Paul and John Wegner, Wegner Brothers, Loxton purchased 21 rams in the main auction, also bidding at the top end. They averaged \$1319 for these and also added two of the mini auction rams.

Andrew and Ben Wall, Wall & Neindorf, Langidoo Station, via Broken Hill have also been regular volume buyers at Kamora Park and were back in force this year. They also purchased 21 rams in the main auction from \$600 to \$800 and then added 23 from the mini auction.

Kelvin Westbrook, Westbrook Ag, Loxton and Neville White, Cooke Plains were other volume buyers, purchasing thirteen (from \$600 to \$700) and eight (from \$600 to \$900) respectively.

Four different buyers paid the \$2900 top price last year, but this year one of those four was alone at the top of the price stakes. Steen Paech, Paech Bros, Callington paid \$3100 for KP660, a son of KP37, the \$14,000 ram sold to Gunallo stud at the 2011 Classings Classic. With wool figures of 19.7mic, 2.8 SD, 14.2 CV and 99.9% CF and supported by outstanding carcase measurements and structure, the ram was a real dual purpose package.

Another of last year's top price buyers and Kamora Park regular, Scott Dinham purchased four top rams from \$2000 to the second top price of \$2600 to be a very prominent bidder.

Other key buyers included AC & DK Moore through Elders Jamestown (six rams from \$900 to \$1800), plus locals Ian Symonds, Why Gee Pastoral (six from \$1000 to \$1900), LD & S Stasinowski (five from \$600 to \$1000) and WC & BA Williams (five from \$600 to \$700).

Sale Summary	Main auction		Mini auction		Overall	
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
Offered	149	134	62	53	211	187
Sold	130	130	27	42	157	172
Top	\$3100	\$2900	\$400	\$1050	\$3100	\$2900
Average	\$1080	\$1201	\$400	\$562	\$963	\$1045

Agents: Landmark

Auctioneers: Malcolm Scroop and Gordon Wood



Pictured with the \$3100 top priced ram at the Kamora Park sale are Landmark's Malcolm Scroop, Kamora Park's Wade Boughen (holding ram), purchaser Steen Paech, Callington and his workman Rodney Watchel, and Landmark Karoonda's Murray Greenfield.



Key buyers at the Kamora Park sale were John and Paul Wegner, Loxton (23 rams), Ian Symonds, Karoonda (six rams), Kamora Park's Wade Boughen, Landmark Karoonda's Murray Greenfield, and Andrew and Ben Wall, Langidoon Station, via Broken Hill (44 rams).