

## Big crowd lift at Kamora Park

More rain at Sandalwood in a wonderful season was not the only positive at Kamora Park's annual ram sale last Friday. The biggest crowd for many years created stronger competition, several highlights and a big lift in average prices on last year's result.

In the main auction 141 rams sold to \$7400 and averaged \$1250, up \$170 on last year. Outside of that, the highlights started early with the finalisation of a sale of a half share in KP137, a stud reserve to Peter and Paul Routley, Almondvale Bond stud, Lockhart, NSW for \$10,000.

The Routleys saw the ram, a son of KP522 when displayed at the recent Bendigo ASBA show and were impressed by his wonderful stylish and well defined wool on a long and deep body.

That was followed by the start of the main auction. The stud's second highest ever annual sale auction price of \$7400 was achieved just three lots into the top run. KP627, sired by KP304, a former Fibre Meat class winner at Adelaide that has bred so well, attracted a lot of interest pre-sale, including from several studs in attendance. However it was Scott Tyler on the phone to Nigel and Kate Kerin, Kerin Poll Merinos, Yoeval, NSW who placed the winning bid. With a very appealing 19.9 micron free growing fleece on a structurally correct and well-muscled frame, he showed real stud sire potential.

Peter Stockman Jnr, Springvale North stud, Burra was one stud principal in attendance who did not miss out, picking up KP903, an embryo brother to the ram the Routleys invested in. He bid \$3800 to win the ram.

Steen Paech, Callington was very active at the top end of the sale. He purchased six top rams from \$1200 to \$2700 for three buying accounts; Shirley Willison, Mt Pleasant, Inglebrae Holdings and Paech Brothers.

The sale's second top price of \$4000 was bid by Landmark wool officer, Steve Davidson on behalf of McPiggery, Lameroo in their one purchase for KP27, a son of the famous Leahcim 154.

Another ram to attract a lot of pre-sale interest was KP210 at lot 19, a son of the \$14,000 KP37. Kamora Park regular Scott Dinham, Tailem Bend was the successful bidder at \$2900, this being one of four excellent quality rams he purchased.

Ian Symonds, Why Gee Pastoral was another regular and prominent Kamora Park supporter and was successful in picking up six rams, paying from \$1100 to \$1500, but also underbid many of the higher priced lots.

John and Paul Wegner, Wegner Brothers, Loxton were again very prominent buyers and arguably Kamora Park's most important annual sale supporters for many years. They regularly purchase 20 plus rams from throughout the catalogue. Last year they purchased 21 at a \$1319 average. They repeated that number this year with their average pushed up to \$1464 because of the stronger competition.

However the overall volume buying was again provided by Andrew Wall, Wall & Neindorf, Langidoon Station, via Broken Hill. Andrew picked up 16 rams in the main auction from \$600 to \$900, and then

added another 12 in the mini auction. His 28 purchases averaged just \$602, highlighting the great value that still existed in this sale.

AK Hagger & Sons, Jamestown made their trip down well worthwhile by also purchasing volume at value. They picked up 12 in the main auction from \$600 to \$1000, and then added eight in the mini auction, twice going to the \$950 top in this section. Their 20 rams averaged \$787.50

The strong main auction flowed on to the mini auction with another 27 rams selling to \$950 and averaging \$769. Landmark Greenfield, Karoonda was the conducting agency with Malcolm Scroop and Gordon Wood separating the bids as auctioneers.

Sale Summary	Main Auction		Mini Auction		Overall Sale	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
<b>Offered</b>	149	149	34	62	183	211
<b>Sold</b>	141	130	27	27	168	157
<b>Top</b>	\$7400	\$3100	\$950	\$400	\$7400	\$3100
<b>Average</b>	\$1250	\$1080	\$769	\$400	\$1172	\$963



*Peter and Paul Routley, Almondvale Bond stud, Lockhart, NSW are pictured with Kamora Park principal Colin Boughen and KP137, the ram they privately negotiated a half share in for \$10,000.*



*This ram, KP627 was purchased for Kamora Park's top auction sale price of \$7400 by Nigel and Kate Kerin, Kerin Poll Merinos, Yoeval, NSW. Pictured with the ram is Landmark auctioneer Malcolm Scroop, Landmark Greenfield Karoonda's Murray Greenfield, Scott Tyler who bid via phone for the Kerins, and Wade, Colin and Katelyn Boughen, Kamora Park.*