

## Everything up at Kamora Netley Park Bonanza

It was a big day of upside at Paul and Justin Boughen and family's Kamora Netley Park annual Poll Merino ram sale last Friday afternoon at Sandalwood. In a wonderful season and a positive sheep industry environment, the huge crowd expressed their confidence by bidding strongly and lifting the results significantly on last year's good result.

Despite the addition of another 30 rams to their main auction offering in order to keep prices affordable for clients, Kamora Netley Park was still rewarded with an increase of \$1800 on top price and \$75 on average price.

Conscious of keeping value for buyers the Boughens also penned another 72 rams for the mini auction, but buyers were more than happy to compete for the best in the main auction. Only seven of these were required to fill buying needs on the day. Overall 16 more rams sold than last year and their average was up \$142, reflecting the strength of demand.

The very large crowd of prospective buyers started proceedings strongly with the first ten rams averaging \$2640. Included in that was KNP6, selling for \$4600, \$400 above last year's top price. With wool figures of micron 20.2, SD of 2.7, CV of 13.4 and CF of 99.8 on a very good carcase, the ram attracted a lot of pre-sale interest. It was Roger and Gail Duell, regular purchasers of top Kamora Netley Park sheep who won this bidding contest.

However it was not until lot 42 that the top price of \$6000 was achieved. Elders Mildura's Kelvin Fitzgerald placed the winning bid for KNP 181 on behalf of David Rees, Gunneramby Merinos, Ivanhoe, having earlier successfully bid \$3600 for the second ram offered. The sale topper, sired by Willandra GP, weighed in at 125kg and had exceptional wool figures of Mic 19.0, SD 2.4, CV 12.6 and CF 99.9. Mr Rees purchased the stud's older CFA ewes and two rams last year, so was familiar with the bloodline.

Two station buying accounts provided a strong base and the volume buying in the sale. Andrew Wall, Wall & Neindorf, Langidoon Station, via Broken Hill purchased 18 rams from \$600 to \$900. Michael Moritz, buying for the Collins family, Viewpoint Station, Renmark and Broken Hill purchased 15 rams, paying from \$600 to \$2300.

There were many top to middle ground purchasers to keep the competition strong throughout. Brian Boughen, Borrika and buyer of last year's \$4200 top priced ram, was strong again, purchasing seven from \$1000 to \$3200.

The Olsen family, Kiara Pty Ltd, Streaky Bay also purchased seven top rams from \$1500 to \$3800. Long term regular buyer Brian Ling, Kingston paid from \$1000 to \$2800 for eight quality rams, as did Neville Smith and family, Loxton, his purchases being in the great value \$600 to \$800 range.

Two Kangaroo Island buying accounts also competed strongly. The Wheaton family, Redbanks, American River purchased six rams from \$800 to \$1500, while WJ & AJ Buick, Penneshaw paid from \$900 to \$2600, also for six rams.

CH, AM, DC and MJ Zadow with six from \$600 to \$2200; CA Hampel and Partners with five rams from \$1200 to \$3000; and WN Taylor with six rams from \$800 to \$1200 were other prominent buyers.

Landmark Greenfield Karoonda was the sale agency with Leo Redden and Gordon Wood sharing the auctioneering duties.

Sale Summary	Main Auction		Mini Auction		Overall	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Offered	180	153	72	60	252	213
Sold	172	142	7	21	179	163
Top	\$6000	\$4200	\$500	\$1400	\$6000	\$4200
Average	\$1362	\$1287	\$500	\$507	\$1328	\$1186



Kamora Netley Park co-principal Justin Boughen (left) and Landmark auctioneer Gordon Wood (right) are with the \$6000 top priced ram at the Kamora Netley Park ram sale, purchased by David Rees, Gunneramby Merinos, Ivanhoe and represented by Elders Karoonda's Chris Munster.



Kamora Netley Park co-principal Justin Boughen holds the \$4600 second top priced ram purchased by Roger and Gail Duell (right). Also pictured is Landmark auctioneer Leo Redden.