

Extremely Solid Kamora Netley Park Result

Extremely consistent and solid demand from start to finish resulted in a 24% lift in sale average from last year at Friday's Kamora Netley Park Poll Merino ram sale.

Overall Paul and Justin Boughen and families sold 199 rams to a top of \$6200 and at an \$1863 average. In the main auction 187 sold for a \$1944 average, with a further 12 clearing in the mini auction that followed.

One of the largest crowds ever at this sale followed it from start to finish and included 60 registered bidders from NSW, Victoria and most areas of South Australia. A significant highlight for the Boughen families was the sale of three rams to a top of \$5200 and at a \$4067 average to the Carter family, Wallaloo Park stud, Victoria. This followed on from a private sale of one of Kamora Netley Park's stud reserves for \$12,000 prior to the auction. Organised by their classer Michael Elmes, this ram was purchased in partnership by Rod Miller, Glenpaen stud, Brimpaen, Vic and Michael Corkhill, Grassy Creek, Reid's Flat, NSW.

The Landmark auctioneering team of Leo Redden, Richard Miller and Gordon Wood had little trouble extracting bids, with Mark Williams, Lillimur, Vic kicking off the sale on a top note with a successful \$6000 bid for KNP18, an outstanding 18.9 micron ram. This was ultimately the sale's second top price. He later added another at \$2000 to average \$4000 for two top purchases.

Roger and Gail Duell, Murray Bridge have been long term supporters and purchasers of some of the very best Kamora Netley Park rams, including the second top priced rams from the previous two years. This year Roger went one better when pushed to \$6200 for KNP76. A descendent from the stud's Uardry family line, this impressive Poll Merino had a very appealing 20.2 micron and 99.6 comfort factor wool.

"We like white and bright wools on sheep with size and substance and this ram epitomises that. He has great depth of body and character in the wool," Roger Duell said.

Roger, accompanied by his father Len, also selected two more top rams averaging, \$4467 for his three purchases.

Also purchasing three top end select rams each were Lyndon Hampel, CA Hampel & Partners, through Landmark Golding Loxton, and Steve Baynes, Baynes Brothers, through Landmark Jamestown. Lyndon paid to \$4000 and averaged \$3800 while Steve paid to \$3400 and averaged \$3133.

David Rankine, Tupra Pastoral and operating through Elders Hay paid \$4400 and \$2000 for two top rams to also be a prominent interstate top end buyer.

While two regular volume buyers were not present this year, their absence was more than covered by the demand from other new clients. One of these, Cavanagh Partners, Tintinara was ultimately the biggest volume buyer with 13 rams to \$4100 and at a \$2992 average. The partnership of Kevin and Bruce Cavanagh and Stuart Allen runs 2200 ewes in their self-replacing Poll Merino flock. Their previous ram supplier dispersed and after careful research they settled on the Kamora Netley Park

stud as the best option to supply rams of the type and quality they look for. They purchased through their Elders Tintinara agent, Huw Thomas.

Gary Obst, representing GM & JL Obst averaged \$1210 for ten rams while Clive Fisher, Fisher Brothers averaged a great value \$933 for nine rams. Colin Zadow, representing CH, AM, DC & M J Zadow was not far behind in numbers with eight successful bids to \$2800 and at a \$1513 average. All three purchased through the sale's conducting agent branch, Landmark Loxton, Golding Livestock Agencies.

Regular strong buyers, including the top price on past occasions, were BJ & SJ Boughen through Landmark's Karoonda office who purchased seven rams, paying to \$4000 and averaging \$2614. The Olsen family, Kaira Pty Ltd came all the way from the West Coast to pick up seven high quality rams. Clint Olsen took on the bidding responsibilities and buying through Elders Streaky Bay he started at lot 2 and finished at lot 68, paying to \$4600 and averaging \$3200 in very strong buying.

Operating at the value end of the sale, but also purchasing seven rams was Kym Krollig, Murray Bridge. Purchasing through Elders Murray Bridge he was able to secure his purchases from \$500 to \$1000, averaging \$886 and highlighting the value that still existed in this offering.

Two interstateers, a local and one 'overseas' buyer also contributed strongly to the overall sale success with the purchase of six rams each. David Moyle, Randall Park and buying through Arcadian Wool, Geelong, Vic went to \$3200 to secure his six rams at a \$2167 average. Sam Weir, Weir Family Partnership, West Wyalong, NSW paid to \$1700 and averaged \$1217. Simon Wheaton, Redbanks, American River, KI averaged \$1683 when paying from \$1300 to \$2200, while local Ben Reichstein, DC & BB Reichstein through Landmark Loxton, averaged \$1800 when paying from \$1100 to \$3000 for his six rams.

While most sales have highlights, the overall strength of this sale was built on the very solid middle ground bidding. 34% of the rams sold from \$1500 to \$2500, but great value rams were still plentiful in a relatively even quality offering, 31% selling for \$1000 or less.

Sale Summary

	Main Auction		Mini Auction		Overall Sale Result	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Offered	200	200	23	22	223	222
Sold	187	179	12	3	199	182
Top	\$6200	\$7200	\$500	\$500	\$6200	\$7200
Average	\$1944	\$1525	\$500	\$500	\$1863	\$1508

Agents Landmark Loxton Golding livestock Agencies
Auctioneers Leo Redden, Richard Miller



Paul Boughen, Kamora Netley Park, Sandalwood, holds the ram KNP76 that sold for the \$6200 top price at the stud's annual sale. It was purchased by regular clients Roger (right) and Gail Duell, Murray Bridge, with Roger's father Len also pictured (middle).



The most prominent buyers at the Kamora Netley Park Poll Merino ram sale were new clients, Cavanagh Partners, Tintinara. Pictured with co-principal of the stud, Paul Boughen (centre) are members of the partnership, Stuart Allen, Bruce Cavanagh and Kevin Cavanagh and their Elders Tintinara agent, Huw Thomas (2nd right).