

Kamora's rise continues yet again

In introducing the wonderful offering of big, plain bodied Poll Merinos to the large Kamora Netley Park sale crowd at the Sandalwood venue, Landmark auctioneer Leo Redden mentioned 2012 and 2013 had been breakout years for the stud. He said sheep breeders were really noticing the quality Paul and Justin Boughen and their family were now producing, highlighted by a \$25,000 sale at Adelaide last year.

His comments were supported by the sale result, with 142 of 153 rams offered in the main auction clearing to \$4200 and averaging \$1287. This was an increase of \$1200 in top price from last year's outstanding sale result, but more significantly it was also up \$121 on average. A further 21 rams sold from the mini auction pens to \$1400 and at a \$507 average.

The larger crowd included several new buyers who increased the top end and middle ground bidding substantially, hence the higher average. This more than compensated for the absence of a couple of last year's volume buyers, due to seasonal conditions in their part of the country.

Brian Boughen, Borrika outbid all others for the impressive Kamora 204 offered midway through the catalogue. With figures of 20.2 micron, 2.8 SD, 13.9 CV, 99.7% CF and 76% yield on a 7.8kg fleece, this ram was the \$4200 top price. This was just one of nine Brian bought in the main auction, plus another two in the mini auction to be a prominent volume buyer as well.

Roger and Gail Duell were other regular top end Kamora clients who were back again. They went to the second top price of \$4000 in purchasing their two selections.

However, the bidder who had the biggest impact on the sale was Dale West, manager for Kilcoolin Pastoral Co, Euroa. He purchased eight rams for the first time last year, including two at the equal \$3000 top. So impressed was he with their performance in the past 12 months that he was back again and made a real buying impact. He was not only the biggest volume buyer with 17 rams, but operated at the top end, only outbid twice in all his selections. He paid to \$3700 and averaged \$2176, 69% above the overall sale average.

Kelvin Westbrook, Westbrook Ag, Loxton is a normal big volume buyer, but seasonal restrictions cut his buying numbers back this year. He purchased 13 in total from \$500 to \$600.

Other key buyers included M, P & G Obst (nine rams to \$1500), BT & E Ling, Kingston (seven to \$2200), Neville Smith (eight to \$700), CH, AM, DC & MJ Zadow (eight to \$1700) and first time buyers Barry & Simon Wheaton, KI (six to \$1200).

34 of the 39 registered bidders were successful in purchasing rams.

Sale Summary

	Main auction		Mini auction		Overall	
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
Offered	153	146	60	70	213	216
Sold	142	145	21	69	163	214
Top	\$4200	\$3000	\$1400	\$750	\$4200	\$3000
Average	\$1287	\$1166	\$507	\$517	\$1186	\$957

Agents: Landmark

Auctioneers: Leo Redden and Gordon Wood



Pictured with the two highest priced rams at the Kamora Netley Park Poll Merino ram sale are Landmark auctioneer Gordon Wood; Gail and Roger Duell with the ram they purchased for \$4000 and held by sale vendor Justin Boughen; Brian Boughen, Borrika holding the \$4200 top priced ram that he purchased; and Murray Greenfield, Landmark Karoonda.



Dale West, Kilcoolin Pastoral Co, Euroa was the biggest volume buyer at the Kamora Netley Park sale, purchasing 17 rams at a \$2176 average. He is pictured with Kamora Netley Park principal Justin Boughen after loading and ready for the 10 hour trip home.