

CLASSINGS CLASSIC '14
MURRAY BRIDGE S.A.
TOP \$18,000 AVERAGE \$3,208
85 OFFERED 75 SOLD

In its thirteenth year, the Classic'14 lived up to it's reputation as a sale to meet all commercial and stud requirements whilst addressing issues that affect the industry including mulesing, difficulties of shearing, the possibilities of no crutching, management and fleece rot! The sale team was a picture with every invited stud displaying poll rams that fit the bill.

The average was back on the previous year but had we had another \$51,000 screamer at the top of the heap things would have been very similar to the 2013 sale.



Glenlea Park-Pinnaroo S.A. marched on in similar fashion to last year's effort and averaged a handsome \$5,015 over their offering of ten rams. E.T. bred L33 sons graced lots one and two with the first (with a muzzle like a horse!) blasting away to \$11,000 and selling to formidable duo - Calcookara and Pepperwell studs. (19.5 YCFW 6.6 YWT). Peter Gilbertson-Lameroo S.A. picked up the next for only \$3,500 in similar fashion to the lot two pickup the previous year at \$2,500 by Lucernbrae after the \$51,000 blast! Peter also latched onto the fifth ram on offer at \$2,500.

I bought a very well proportioned GP380 son for Angus McLachlan's Rosebank for a trust-ing \$3,000 with 19.6 YCFW & -2.1YFD and Trevor Voight chipped in \$3,000 for lot 4. The team topper though came in at lot six and sold at \$14,000 to a partnership of Will Lynch's Boorana-Lake Bolac Vic., Ray and Brad Schroeder's Gunallo and the McMahon family's McPiggery-Lameroo S.A. This bloke had the same presence as lot one and both rams could easily have topped the sale. The fibre on both was close to exotic and combined with their huge meat attributes were quite a sight.

Hynam Poll-Hopetoun Vic., combined with another Mexican, Bruce Dean's Forest Hills Poll Vic. and picked up a winner for \$6,500. Tony Martin-Karoonda S.A. bought a square GP367 son at \$4,250 and Gary Ferguson-Tintinara and Trevor Gameau-Cummins S.A. picking off great rams at \$2,000 and \$1,400.

After an excellent 2013 result, **Roemahkita-Cummins S.A.** offered three bred from their own sires and didn't disappoint yet not selling to the more enjoyable heights of the previous sale. Lucernbrae-Callington S.A. bought two at and easy \$3,000 and \$2,750 with the other going to Jeff Aitken at Keith for \$2,250.

Rice's Creek-Tintinara S.A. were close to not entering Classic'14 due to their perception that they had nothing suitable! On inspection of their rams at the South East Field Days there was an absolute standout in their team that was brought in late from the paddock that we all agreed was a chance. This same ram subsequently made lot fourteen of the sale and sold to Gunallo for \$4,000!

The two **Wallaloo Park-Marnoo Vic.**, polls were possibly the best that they had ever entered and were met with great bidding for the first that finally went to Ramsgate-Tintinara S.A. for \$12,000. Bred by WP54 the ram was a great all rounder and can only add to the quality of the stud. A WP33 son was next and was snapped up effortlessly by the Lehmann's Flairdale-Cooke Plains S.A. for a bargain \$4,500. Productive yet with an SD of 2.8, this guy will have a huge influence at the stud just as all previous Wallaloo Park infusions have done. I actually saw this bloke at classing yesterday (4th May) and that price looks to be far too reasonable!

Ridgway Advance-Bordertown S.A. offered ten Autumn drops and looked great and sold the same! The ten offered averaged \$2,800 to a top of \$6,500 selling to the David Farr clan at Wunkar S.A. for a RA Holy son. 'Holy' because that sire's sample when tested through our laboratory could only be described by one word....two actually but we'll save that for a grotty bar! Three other sons graced the team with O'Brien Poll-Kyancutta S.A. securing a beauty for \$3,750, Gerard Woitd another for \$3,000 and one of the bargains of the day for \$1,500 to Netallie-Wilcannia N.S.W.

The Fitzgerald family bought the first on offer at \$4,000 ET bred by RA194 and looked tremendous. 19.3u 2.4sd 12.4cv ensure predictability with breeding. Another son sold to O'Brien Poll for \$3,500 with similar figures. David Woodard-Eden Valley S.A. stole two at \$2,250 & \$1,000 and two stations at Little Topar and Wilcannia NSW secured the last for \$1,000 & \$1,500. Broughton Vale NSW and Netallie NSW were the perfect backstop for any rams in the sale that weren't going to make their worth.

The first of the **Southrose-Tintinara S.A.** was in my opinion in the top five of the whole sale which was also recognised by the astute Les Hamence-Pimbena S.A. who snapped him up for a paltry \$7,000! '405' a ram I promoted heavily throughout the year was massive with the boldest crimp in the whole lineup, bred by that SuperSire L858 and boasting real figures of 17.2u 2.9sd 17.0cv and a YCFW 18.8. This guy will further enhance the serious inroads Pimbena has made in the last few years.

GP201, a ram that Jono share purchased from Glenlea Park on property a few years back produced three of the five penned from Southrose all fetching commercial money at \$1,500, \$1,000 & \$1,000 with a WP Bartel son selling to John Weincke-Wynarka S.A. for \$1,750. That fella boasting YCFW 24.7 & YFD -2.0.

Kamora Park-Karoonda S.A. didn't reach the heights of other years but found new clients all the same with O'Brien Poll-Kyancutta S.A. snatching the top son of KP522 for a budgetable \$4,000. KP522 sold to Brookdale W.A. for \$10,000 at the Classic two years previous and has bred well for both studs. In fact he bred four of the six in the lineup.

Ramsgate-Tintinara S.A. jagged a \$2,500 ripper with a tram like backend, Pimbena-Wirrulla S.A. a KP522 son for \$2,000, Trevor Gameau secured a KP17 son for \$2,250 and the Dutschke's from the Mallee stole the first offered, another KP522 son for \$1,250!! This poll had excellent real figures backed up with YCFW 21.1.



Gunallo-Pinnaroo S.A. was probably always going to top the sale with the general public and stud breeders alike considering their pick ram ('Lustre' 55) the best in the state! At 114Kg and standing like a rock, the \$18,000 fetched was a figure that can't be sneezed at yet most people's thoughts were that he may have made a lot more. The W.A. duo of Leo-vaie and Derella Downs had a budget around that figure and were the successful collectors. Bred by the now dead SuperSire, Kamora Park 37 which sold at the Classic three years previous for \$14,000, the pedigree of this guy suggest his predictability is guaranteed.

KP37 also bred the next winner which sold to Pimbena-Wirrulla S.A. for \$5,000 with a YWT 7.8. Another son fronted up next and if it wasn't for a slight blemish around his moosh might of made much more than the \$3,000 paid by Glen Tilley-Kapunda S.A. The astute McPiggery-Lameroo S.A. did well to secure a bargain at \$2,000 for a nourished cutter bred by WP160. Local Murray Bridge identity, Wayne Schenke bought a L438 son for \$2,000 while I bought the last beauty for another local, Grant Wageknecht at \$1,750.

Ella Matta-Parndana-Kangaroo Island had a great day out selling all four of their offering and averaging \$4,000. Allen Stewart-Stockton Stud-Bairnsdale Vic., was a great appreciator of the stock to secure three of the four, all bred by L1452. The first on offer topped Ella Matta's group at \$5,500 due to his carcass attributes and fibre quality particularly in the area of whiteness. YWT 8.6 YCFW16.0 at 17u & 2.4SD MP+ 160 helped the attraction.

A direct E.T. bred son of SuperSire L154 dropped in at \$5,000 and went to quality appreciator Glen Tilley-Kapunda S.A. 7.9 for growth and YCFW 20.1 matched the elite fibre he possessed. Of the three that he bought, Allen Stewart nabbed the last two for his nephew at \$1,500 each, both with great 'actual' test figures.

The Ridgway Advance Spring drops were high in quality but slightly neglected by the punters and made for great buying. Maybe their age and slightly smaller size had it's effect but it made for happy customers! Davis Woodard-Eden Valley S.A. outlaid \$3,500 for a Holy son yet everything else made under the \$2,000 banner.

Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW snapped up four and couldn't believe their fortune. Glen Tilley was there at \$1,500 for a nugget with great fibre while Neil Wormald picked up well at \$1,750. Stevens Farming-Little Topar NSW a bargain at \$1,500, Kym Hooper-Pekina S.A. at \$1,500 and O'Brien Poll-Kyancutta S.A. an absolute corker for\$1,000!!

Ramsgate-Tintinara S.A. had their best ever outing and averaged \$2,667 for their four including a \$4,500 son of WP115 to Tom Freeth-Buckleboo S.A. 20.6u 3.3sd 16.0cv ensures fleece weight potential to a flock that is going along just nicely! Quality hunter Les Hamence bought the first, a KP17 bred screamer to add to the quality pile at Pimbena. John Weincke-Wynarka S.A. and Gary Ferguson-Tintinara S.A. bought the last at \$1,000.



Ridgway Poll-Lameroo S.A. surprisingly sold at good commercial prices only without a biggy along the way which pleased the commercial buyer no end! Glen Tilley-Kapunda S.A. again surprised even himself by only spending \$2,750 for lot 1 a WP160 son. McPiggery bought well at \$2,500 & \$2,000 which possibly included the pick of the bunch at lot 68 except for the Lone Gum purchase at lot 67 for \$2,250. The Ferguson, Bane and Wachtel families outlaid \$1,500 each for their selections with John Weincke cleaning up the last for \$1,000.

Lucernbrae-Callington S.A. had a typical day and sold well including a top of \$4,250 for a WP Bartel son and sold to that great upper Mallee stud Borung-Waikerie S.A. Caught up with this animal at first ram classing a few weeks ago and he looks a picture! Silky and loaded with nourishment, we can't wait for the progeny to surface.

I bought two sniffers for Sean and Bec Freeman-Penong S.A. for two more Bartels at \$2,000 each with one at lot 75 deserving much more buyer attention. Liam & Jen McInerney-Maroon Keith S.A. inherited themselves a great L858 son who was also high on my list. Netallie be for bought the last for \$1,000.

Borong-Waikerie S.A. entered a WP syndicate bred thumper which I bought again for Sean Freeman-Penong S.A. for a typical price of \$2,000. Stud Principal, Brenton Kroehne had rotten luck with his Classic team where two other possibles had to be pulled due to a broken leg and death!

Lorelmo-Keyneton S.A. would still be beaming over the success of their two entries. Craig Eckert-Elders Finance pulled the rabbit and found the Alan Hall from Hallett S.A. to compete and win the rights to own the second on offer for \$4,400. Matthew Ipsen-Wareek Vic. who also runs an A.I. and pregnancy scanning business named Ewe Wish, bought the first for \$1,800. Both rams exuded fibre quality and didn't disgrace themselves being only one of two genuine fine wool studs in the whole sale.

Superior Wool Merino S.A. Mt. Boothby Props. bought the best of the two SWM rams bred by the SWS purchase from Leahcim for \$38,000 three years ago. '022' was a thumper with huge staple length like the sire and will maintain the good things that have happened to this flock since the SWM infusions over quite a few years now.

Hynam Poll-Hopetoun Vic., delivered Classic'14 a thumping great WP961 son, filling the pen and selling to new stud on the block, Forest Springs Vic., for \$5,000. I'm hoping that for those who inspected this ram on the day will now realise the great quality this stud possesses and will keep an eye out for future submissions into the sale.

Woodoona-Borrika S.A. were the only 'wild card' entry into the sale after what I thought was a great display at the Mallee Merino Field Day in July'14. Whilst the ram didn't quite make reserve, I made an offer immediately after the sale of \$2,750 which was accepted and sent him to Roger and Ben Frances at Maitland S.A. It appears that classer Jim Wilcox is belting this place into great shape!