

# Kintail Park Dohne sale hits \$4000 top



Prices hit a \$4000 top at the Kintail Park Dohne on-property ram sale at Jerramungup last week. The ram was purchased by long-term clients RM & TF Edwards, Ravensthorpe. With the ram were Landmark stud stock representative Roy Addis (left), Kintail Park stud principal Rhys Parsons and top price buyer Justin Edwards.

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QUALITY wools and great bodies brought a good list of buyers to the annual Kintail Park Dohne ram sale last week where prices were strong but the clearance was down due to the variable season and dropping ewe numbers.

By all accounts the Kintail rams have been doing a great job across WA and prices were pushed to a top of \$4000 and an average of \$1411 for the 98 rams sold out of the 138 offered.

Regular top price buyer Justin Edwards, RM & TF Edwards, Ravensthorpe, secured three rams including the \$4000 top price ram, paying \$2300 and \$1400 for the rest of the team.

Unfortunately due to lack of water in the Ravensthorpe area, the Edwards family had to drop their ewe numbers right back so their usual ram requirements were subdued compared to their normal bidding competition.

However, Mr Edwards said

## SALE SUMMARY

(Under the hammer results)  
Offered: 138  
Sold: 98  
Top: \$4000  
Gross: \$138,300  
Average: \$1411

one of the biggest positives to take away from the difficulties of the season was the fact that the Dohnes had maintained their condition and had proven extremely hardy, as well as still being able to achieve about 110pc lambing percentage.

"We have been buying from the Parsons since around 2010 and the style of sheep we have been achieving using the Kintail genetics has proved to work very well in our area," Mr Edwards said.

"When we select our sires we look closely at the wool quality and style as the carcase and body characteristics come easier as a breed."

The top price ram had

wool figure ASBV's of -0.7 for FD, 12.5 for YCFW and -0.1 for YCV.

For carcase measurements the essential growth figures were 4.1 for WWT, 5.8 for YWT, 1.6 for MWWT and 0.2 for YFAT.

Prices continued to hit major highs right through the catalogue which emphasised the consistent quality of the rams.

The second top price of \$3000 was reached twice, the first time was when lot four went under the hammer and was knocked down to LF & JM Bridge, who aside from the second top price ram, secured a further two rams at \$2700 and \$2500.

Also hitting the \$3000 second top price mark was Yuelup Farms which also bought an additional three rams at \$2000, \$1500 and \$1200.

Other buyers who paid top dollar included RW & JM Ditchburn, Kukerin, who selected a total of three, paying to a top of \$2800 and \$1950 and \$1200 for the

other two.

Wemyss Estate also ensured it took home its number one selections and secured a total of 12 rams paying to a top of \$2300 and average of \$1454.

Long-term Kintail client RE & LM Lester and Sons, Jerramungup, were back again to fill their requirements, taking 15 rams in total to a \$2150 top.

Their top was paid for a KP 161045 son that recorded a 5 YWT, a 2.2 YEMD, a 0.6 YFAT, 8.9 for YCFW and 0.8 YFD.

Also taking big numbers was CJ South & Co, Wagin, who bought 10 to a top of \$1750.

New buyers to the on-property auction, Luke and Victoria Bennett, Levens Cattle Co, South Stirlings, took home five rams on the day, paying to a top of \$1700 and the Bennetts said they were in the process of building their sheep numbers.

"We have purchased rams privately from Kintail Park

and we are happy with the complete package that the Dohnes deliver," they said.

"At present we run about 550 Dohne ewes and we are in the process of building our numbers to 1000."

The Bennetts were looking for 'all-rounders' when they selected their Kintail sires and as an extra selection tool chose rams that were twins in order to naturally boost their numbers.

BR O'Neill, Ongerup, made an impact on the sale also, taking home five rams to a \$2050 top price.

Other higher prices on the day included \$2600 paid by another volume buyer, I & C McCallum.

Their top price ram was found in lot six and was a twin that recorded ASBVs of 4.3 YWT, 1.5 YEMD, 0.4 YFAT, 4.3 YCFW and

0.1 YFD.

NWE Harding was another volume buyer with four allocated to their account, while a handful of buyers took three rams each including BN & VJ Trundle, M & M Gorman, Wellstead, Ryelands Farming and LC Ball & Co.

Kintail Park stud principal Rhys Parsons opened the sale by saying they were pleased with the strength of the genetics coming through off the back of a tough season and that the rams still displayed as good a carcass qualities and wool characteristics as ever.

At the start of the auction Landmark auctioneer Mark Bradbury said the quality of the rams was extremely high with consistency of wool quality and body type right through from lot one to the last ram in the sale.



□ The Bennett family were out in force at the Kintail Park Dohne sale and a total of five rams were knocked down to their trading name of Levens Cattle Co, South Stirlings. They paid to a top of \$1700 for one of their rams. Pictured were Luke (left) and Victoria with their daughters Penelope and Charlotte and baby son Ralph.