

# Solid results for Noorla and Barooga studs

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THE second annual combined Barooga Merino and Poll Merino stud and Noorla Dohne stud ram sale was held at the Williams ram shed last week and it was two Dohnes which topped it at \$3100.

Both studs increased their offerings this year and with just 20 potential buyers registering to purchase from one or both of the two catalogues, Landmark auctioneer Michael Altus had to work hard to ensure the breeders were happy with their end results.

## □ Barooga Merino and Poll Merinos

It was the Barooga catalogue of 79 Poll Merinos with 18 Merinos sprinkled among the Polls which opened the combined sale and it was lot 22 where the \$2500 top-priced Barooga ram was found.

The winning bid of \$2500 this year came from locals LR & MD Martin, Williams, who bought another at the sale's second top price of \$2200 in a total purchase of five Polls.

As indicated in the sale catalogue the MerinoSelect ASVBs for the \$2500 top priced ram were 20.3 YCFW, -1.3 YFD, 0.8 YWT, 0.6 YFAT, 0.9 YEMD and indexes of 149 MP+ and 138 DP+.

The 100 kilogram had wool test figures of 18 micron, 2.9 SD, 16.1 CV and 100 per cent comfort factor.

Third highest price paid in the Barooga run was \$1900 for one of 13 Polls bought by WE & PM Gillett, Williams, while MV & T Spooner, Wagin, went home with 12 Polls up to \$1700.

Also buying only from the



□ With the \$2500 top-priced Barooga Poll Merino ram which sold to LR & MD Martin, Williams, were Barooga stud co-principal Andrew Higham (left), Landmark Williams representative Peter Moore and Ben Kealy and Mr Higham's daughter-in-law Bec Higham and her children Charlotte and Archie.

Poll offering were regular Williams clients QF & LK Medlen, which selected nine up to \$1400 and RA & A Maiolo who bought eight Polls up to \$1300 twice.

Operating only on the offering of 18 Merinos, locals SJ & BJ Schulz took home six up to \$1200 and RW & CL Higham, Wild Horse Hill, bought both Merinos and Poll Merinos taking home eight in total.

The volume buyers purchasing 15 in total from both the Merino and Poll Merino offerings were PG &

SA & DM Ford, Williams, while Andina Pty Ltd left with five Poll Merinos.

Of the 97 rams offered by Barooga, 81 sold at auction for an average \$963 which under the circumstances of the season and with a few clients not requiring as many rams this year, Barooga stud principal Andrew Higham was pleased with the overall result.

## □ Noorla Dohnes

Noorla stud principal Jeremy Genders increased his offering for the combined sale up from 75 head last year to 91 catalogued for this year however the increase was just too much for the 11 buyers operating so the clearance wasn't what one might have hoped for.

The top price this year was \$3100, a figure paid twice, firstly early in the catalogue when lot 14 was knocked down to Josh Sullivan, JC & TB Sullivan, Gibson, clients of

Noorla for about 10 years and buyers of six rams from this sale.

The ram has ASVBs of 3.1 WWT, 3.9 PEMD, -0.2 PFAT, 11.2 YCFW, 0.6 YFD, -2.0 YCV and a Dohne Index of 142.1.

The second ram to sell at the \$3100 equal top price was lot 39 and going to this value for the ram was Terry Hasson, Burley Grazing Company, Northam.

Mr Hasson bought four rams from the Noorla offering and said he ran about 2000 ewes and was breeding up to purebred status.

The ASVBs on Mr Hasson's new top sire are 2.8 WWT, 2.6 YWT, 2.1 PEMD, 0.8 PFAT, 11.1 YCFW, 0.2 YFD, 0.7 YCV and a Dohne Index of 154.5.

The losing bidder on this ram was Mr Sullivan.

The volume buyer on the day was another return client, Tim

## BAROOGA MERINO & NOORLA DOHNE RAM SALE (Under the hammer results)

	offered	sold	top	gross	average
Barooga Poll Merinos	79	68	\$2500	\$67,300	\$990
Barooga Merinos	18	13	\$1000	\$10,700	\$823
<b>Total Barooga Stud</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>\$2500</b>	<b>\$78,000</b>	<b>\$963</b>
Noorla Dohnes	91	65	\$3100 (2)	\$72,600	\$1117
<b>Overall total</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>\$3100 (2)</b>	<b>\$150,600</b>	<b>\$1032</b>

Pyle, Jeff Pyle & Co, Albany, who bought 10 head last year and increased their requirements this year and selected 24 head up to \$1600.

Mr Pyle said his family ran about 12,000 ewes over their Manypeaks and South Stirlings properties and were aiming at breeding up to purebred Dohne status and joining them to Poll Dorset sires, as the Dohne influence was well suited to the higher rainfall and also ideal for prime lamb production.

Other southern clients back again this year, M & M Gorman, Wellstead, bought three up to \$1700.

Another client who has been buying from Noorla for six years, Russell Lockyer was back again but from up north at Bolgart.

Trading as Treehaven Farm, last year Mr Lockyer paid the top price of \$3900 in a total purchase of 11 head and at this year's sale he purchased seven from the catalogue at up to



\$2800, the third highest price of the sale.

The other six buyers to go home with Noorla Dohne rams were all fairly local taking home 21 head between them.

Commenting on the result Mr Genders said given the good clearance last year he put extra rams in this year but with the season as it is a number of buyers have cut back on

With one of the \$3100 equal top-priced Dohne rams were Landmark Williams agent Ben Kealy (left), Noorla stud principals Julie Taylor and Jeremy Genders, buyer Terry Hasson with his son Craig and grandson Mitchell.

requirements however he was very happy with result and the return buyers and was pleased there was a good selection for all to obtain their required numbers.