

Harold Park North

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NEW and returning buyers showed strong support at the annual Harold Park North Dohne ram sale at the Carnamah Showgrounds on Monday, pushing prices to a high of \$2300 and the average up \$54.

Once again the Wass family from Coorow opted for a Helmsman style auction and this was well received by buyers, with 33 of 44 rams offered under the Elders hammer sold for an average of \$1088 to eight different buyers.

In comparison, at last year's sale the stud offered 44 rams and sold 35 under the hammer for an average of \$1034.

Elders auctioneer Graeme Curry said the sale featured a well-presented line of grass finished Dohne rams and they were appreciated by the buyers present.

"There were solid muscling and fine wool type rams available right through the catalogue and these were well-supported by long term clients," Mr Curry said.

"This good support resulted in the stud achieving higher prices than last year and a good clearance which was similar to last year."

Topping the sale at \$2300 was a well-grown ram in lot

four when it sold to Chris and Michelle Kirby, CJ & ML Kirby, Beacon.

The ram has Australian Sheep Breeding Values of 4.02 post weaning weight (PWWT), 16.50 yearling clean fleece weight, 0.07 yearling fibre diameter (YFD), 1.39 yearling eye muscle depth (YEMD), 0.32 yearling fat (YFAT) along with a Dohne Plus index of 164.26.

These figures ranked it in the top five per cent for YCFW and top 20pc for YEMD and the Dohne Plus index.

Along with purchasing this ram, the Kirbys purchased another two sires at \$1800 and \$1500.

Their \$1800 selection is ranked in the top 20pc for YCFW and YEMD, while their \$1500 purchase ranks in the top 5pc for PWWT and YEMD as well as top 10pc for the Dohne Plus index.

The second top price in the sale was \$2000 and it was bid by John and Emma Scotney, J & E Scotney, Badgingarra, who run 4500 Dohne ewes and like the breed because it has a good balance between meat and wool.

The Scotneys went to \$2000 for a ram late in the catalogue which ranked in the top 5pc for PWWT (7.24) and Dohne Plus index (185.67) as well



□ Elders Mingenew agent Ross Tyndale-Powell (left), caught up with Harold Park North stud principal Charles Wass, Coorow, before the sale got underway on Monday. In the sale the Harold Park North stud sold 33 Dohne rams from 44 offered at an average of \$1088.

Dohne ram sale peaks at \$2300

SALE SUMMARY

(Under the hammer results)

Offered: 44

Sold: 33

Top: \$2300

Gross: \$35,900

Average: \$1088

as top 10pc for YEMD (1.70) and top 20pc for YCFW (13.78).

In addition to this ram the Scotneys purchased another five rams to finish with six at an average of \$1033.

Also buying strongly was last year's top-priced buyer Hakea Farming, Coorow, which bid \$1900 for a ram that ranks in the top 5pc for the Dohne Plus index with a value of 174.61.

The Coorow enterprise also paid \$1200 and \$1100 for rams in the top 5pc and 20pc



for the Dohne Plus index. The volume buyer of the day was Malcolm Just

who purchased seven at an average of \$914 and to a top of \$1000 four times, while

Looking through their catalogue after purchasing the \$2300 top-priced ram at the Harold Park North Dohne ram sale at Carnamah on Monday were Chris and Michelle Kirby, Beacon.

return buyer LR & MJ Smith, Carnamah, purchased six sires at a \$916 average.