

Centenary sale hits high

Booroomooka bull sells for record \$80k

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BALANCED bulls to suit any commercial breeder lifted bids at the centenary Booroomooka Angus stud sale, on-property at Bingara.

The stud achieved a top price of \$80,000 and an average of \$13,057 for 244 bulls sold from 252 offered at the auction last Thursday.

Buyers from NSW, Queensland, Victoria, SA, Tasmania and New Zealand were competing for Booroomooka's proven genetics.

The bidding under lead auctioneer Tom Tanner, Davidson Cameron and Company, started with a bang with an initial online offer of \$20,000 and rapidly climbed to the record price.

Booroomooka Veloso V320, by Chiltern Park Picasso P9 from a daughter of Murdeduke Quarterback Q011, came with impressive figures including top 5 per cent for calving ease, top 10pc for growth and carcase weight and top 2pc for intramuscular fat. Weighing 868kg at two years of age, he presented with a scrotal circumference of 40cm.

New owners Rennylea Angus, Holbrook, and Don Macrae, Bullseye Angus at Molesworth, Vic, will share the super curve-bender with commercial breeder Guy Campbell, Condamine, Qld.

Mr Campbell will retain walking rights to Booroomooka Veloso V320 who will go over a line of cows with Rennylea blood.

Replacement heifers from that cross will join the Campbell Family Trust herd of 1200 Angus breeders running

on 10,500 hectares of buffel grass and Bambatsi country.

"When breeding we look for low birth weight and survivability," said Mr Campbell. "At the same time we value high intramuscular fat. We want those genetics to flow through into our herd."

All three shareholders will retain semen rights, with Veloso V320 sent for collection at Ced Wise AB Services, Glen Aplin, Qld.

In his opening remarks, stud principal Sinclair Munro said the first lot of the sale was "hard to beat for his data set anywhere in the breed".

That was followed by Mr Tanner's comments that the bull exhibited "curve bending figures" and was "the complete package".

NZ stud Grampians Angus, Tekoa Range north of Christchurch, paid \$24,000 for a son of Rennylea L519 in Booroomooka Vancouver V535, with top 2pc IMF, top 1pc mature body condition and top 3pc Angus Breeding Index figures.

Grampians Angus stud principal Jono Reid said he was glad to be back at Booroomooka, having worked under the tutelage of the Munro family in 2005.

"Our aim is to breed an efficient product," he said. "A breeding program that puts the pressure on, delivers a good cow."

Mr Reid said he admired the stud's maternal focus.

"They are constantly challenging the cows," he said.

Western Queensland grazer Hugh Cameron, buying for Cameron and Sons at Roma and Charleville, who join 3000 cows, said his Booroomooka bulls delivered



Stud record-setting Booroomooka Veloso V320 with principals Sinclair and Jo Munro, buying agent Kevin Graham, auctioneer Tom Tanner and buyer representative Guy Campbell, Condamine, Qld. Pictures by Jamie Brown.



Booroomooka Veloso V320 by Chiltern Park Picasso P9 sold for a stud record price of \$80,000.



Booroomooka staff Tim Bucknell, Lorraine McKinnon, Kyra Waddingham, Troy Hagenback and Cooper Rafton.

solid results on hard Mulga country.

Going away with eight lots to average \$10,000, he said the Booroomooka sires "hang on much better" in that western country.

"They have a good constitution," he said.

On King Island in Bass Strait westerly gales and rain keep paddocks soft and spongy.

"There's no rocks to knock them around," said Duncan Clemons, Manuka Proper-

ties, who bought three Booroomooka bulls to average \$22,000 and top at \$28,000 for a son of Landfall Signature S1755 in Booroomooka Signature V327 with top 7pc for \$A.

"For us feet are really important," he said. "We also buy for weight. Those bulls were between 860 and 890kg at two years. But we have got to watch growth and for that we look at the EBV figures and the raw data."

Box Moor Angus Bundarra

came away with Booroomooka Volgograd V82 by Landfall Signature S1755 for \$45,000 with a top 4pc \$A figure at \$274, top 2pc for scrotal size and top 6pc for birthweight.

Bill and Margie Doak, principals of Box Moor Angus have been buying Booroomooka bulls for three decades and count the Munro family as friends.

Their son Brad described the Booroomooka trait as "hardy and good milking with females that perform".

"If they can survive here they can survive anywhere," he said.

The Doaks also bought a Rennylea S69 son, in Booroomooka Viscount V139, for \$28,000.

Another son of Chiltern Park Picasso P9, Booroomooka Voss V388, made \$45,000 and sold to Forster and Sons, Uralla.

The sale was hosted by Davidson Cameron and Company with online interface by AuctionsPlus and Stocklive.

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