



2011 Wallawong Sale a Ripsnorter!

Spirited bidding by new and return clients showed increased confidence in Wallawong Murray Greys' breeding program at the 14th Annual Carcase Quality Sale at 'Marriot Park' Gunnedah last Thursday 14 July. Several new milestones with the sale were achieved by principals Lachlan and Kate James who described the sale as "a great endorsement of our carcase quality focus". 18 bulls sold to a top of \$14,500 and average of \$4500, reflecting the solid competition for lots throughout the sale. 16 stud heifers were also sold to a top of \$2000 and an average of \$1425.

Impressive weights and eye muscle areas combined with finishing ease appealed to both stud and commercial breeders from Queensland, South Australia and throughout NSW.

The \$14,500 top priced bull was the Star Lot 1 Wallawong Ripsnorter, an 1100kg son of Lindsay Starbright S117 that had been one of the James' top stud sires before being offered for sale as a rising four year old. He combined outstanding physical muscularity and visual appeal with proven multiple trait leading growth EBVs. Purchased by Groveleigh Partnership, Tamworth NSW, Ripsnorter had an EMA EBV in the top 1% of the breed and growth traits in the top 5%. His raw EMA scan was 128 cm² with fat scans of 15mm and 10 mm on rump and rib.

Two bulls made \$6500, the first being Lot 3 Wallawong Trailblazer. By Monterey Sensational out of elite female line Dawn Y14, 850kg Trailblazer combined outstanding growth traits with softness and eye appeal, with a raw EMA scan of 115 cm. Wallawong clients John and Debbie Taber of Bonnie Doon Pastoral Co, purchased the bull for their commercial operation near Delungra, NSW.

Lot 7 Wallawong Thunderbird also made \$6500 being an outstanding son of Lot 1 Ripsnorter with an EMA EBV in the top 5%. New clients PJ and SE Harris of Burren Junction purchased the 770kg sire along with two other bulls for \$6000 and \$4000.

Another Ripsnorter son reached \$6000, Lot 6 Wallawong Titan at 760kg EMA 122cm² and fats scans of 6mm and 4mm. Titan was purchased by Lyn Nicholson of Jimbour, QLD for her purebred Murray Grey commercial herd. The six Ripsnorter sons across the sale averaged \$4500.

Wallawong stud principal Lachlan James said: "It was a great result. What was impressive is the support shown by our repeat commercial clients and the level of new interest this year."

"Murray Greys are going from strength to strength and we are finding people are willing to invest in the best genetics with the right balance of carcase shape and quality." Mr James added.

The registered heifers were purchased by a mix of stud and volume repeat buyers seeking quality females for their respective operations. The equal top price and feature PTIC heifer was Lot 21 Wallawong Sixpence that sold for \$2000 to Kym Carlton, Carlinga Murray Grey Stud, Boggabri NSW. Rod Hoare and Helena Warren of Cadfor Murray Grey stud, Binda NSW purchased Lot 34 Wallawong Juliette, a high performance daughter of Wiltshire Crown Prince for \$2000 along with two other females. Another stylish PTIC heifer Lot 23 Wallawong Copper sold for \$1500 to Jake Phillips, Garanggi Murray Grey Stud, South Australia.

Volume buyer Lyn Nicholson from Jimbour, Queensland took home ten heifers along with her bull to boost the numbers of her high performance herd.

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