



## 2010 Sale Results

New and return clients showed increased confidence in the Wallawong breeding program at the Wallawong Murray Grey Sale at 'Marriot Park' Gunnedah last Thursday 8 July. Impressive weights and eye muscle areas combined with finishing ease appealed to both stud and commercial breeders from Queensland and NSW.

14 bulls sold to a top of \$5500 and average of \$3643, reflecting the solid competition for lots throughout the sale. 14 stud heifers were also sold to a top of \$4000 and an average of \$1875 demonstrating increased demand for quality Wallawong female lines.

The \$5500 top priced bull was Lot 4 Wallawong Stormboy, an 896kg son of Banksia Ridge Zorro. He combined excellent structural correctness with physical muscularity and performance data. Purchased for stud duties by Kym Carlton of Carlinga Murray Greys, Boggabri, NSW, Stormboy had an EMA EBV in the top 10% of the breed and all growth traits in the top 1-5%. His raw EMA scan was 124 cm<sup>2</sup> with scans of 11mm and 7 mm on rump and rib.

Three bulls made \$5000, the first being Lot 2 Wallawong Sheffield, possibly the best credentialed high growth bull Wallawong has offered for sale. By Banksia Ridge Zorro out of elite Wallawong female line Valdawn Y6, 902kg Sheffield was recently listed equal first in the 2010 Murray Grey Top 100 Junior Sires for Supermarket Index. His raw EMA scan was 121 cm<sup>2</sup> with fat scans of 12 mm and 9 mm on rump and rib. Return Wallawong clients Rod Hoare and Helena Warren of Cadfor Murray Greys purchased the bull for stud duties at Binda, NSW.

Two more bulls made \$5000, Lot 6 Wallawong Stellar (ET) at 824kg EMA 117cm<sup>2</sup> and Lot 11 Wallawong D44 812kg EMA 113cm<sup>2</sup>. Stellar was an ET son of Monterey Starlight out of a Valdawn cow and was bought by Michael Allen for Sugarloaf Farm in the Southern Highlands. Mr Allen also purchased another bull for \$4000. Wallawong D44 was bought for Ted Keen of the Nawarra Murray Grey Stud near Wagga for stud duties. Sired by Banksia Ridge Zorro, D44 had a below average Birthweight EBV and an EMA EBV in the top 1% of the breed.

"The Zorro bulls again showed their popularity with buyers due to their performance, shape and muscularity" Wallawong stud principal Lachlan James said.

"Repeat buyers are very impressed by the easily delivered calves that grow on to impressive weights." He added.

In a testament to the Wallawong breeding program and customer service, 60% of bulls went to repeat buyers. New clients from throughout NSW and Queensland came to Wallawong to seek the carcass shape the stud is known for.

The registered heifers were purchased by return and new clients seeking quality females. The top priced and feature PTIC heifer was Lot 21 Wallawong Matilda 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$4000 to Lyn Louis of Barraba. Sired by Banksia Ridge Zorro and joined to Wallawong Quartz, the heifer's granddam was the Supreme Interbreed Female at Brisbane Royal in the mid 1990s. Ms. Louis also purchased Lot 26 Wallawong Esmeralda for \$2250 and a bull for \$2500.

Volume buyer of the females was Lynette Nicholson from Jimbour, Queensland. Ms. Nicholson selected 8 females to a top of \$2500 for unjoined heifer Lot 25 Wallawong Patsy and an average of \$1832. Other females sold to Wagga, Kempsey, and Mendooran with the 14 females averaging \$1875 in a total clearance.

"We have great confidence in the future, and look forward to growing the sale to meet the increased demand we are experiencing for our well muscled type of cattle." Mrs James said.

"There was particular demand for silver bulls and the quality females were quite strong also. All of them have the shape that the market wants." She added.

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