

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Ewes to \$1200 at Detpa Grove

You can't beat quality inputs in any venture if you want success. That is certainly the case for the Pipkorn family's Detpa Grove White Suffolk program and explains why they have had so much success in the last decade. It also explains why other producers would travel from 4 states to their Jeparit property to secure some of their elite genetics at their 5<sup>th</sup> bi-annual mated White Suffolk ewe sale.

The quality of the 99 ewes on offer was exceptional; being presented in excellent order, especially considering the seasonal conditions. They also had full Lambplan figures that verified their status in the breed, plus projected figures for their progeny, having been mated to the stud's elite sire group. Minimum pregnancy status was also given, with approximately 50% carrying at least twins.

The economic and climatic uncertainty did restrict buying support a little on the previous 4 sales, but those who attended were there to secure a genetic boost from these top mated ewes. As a result the clearance was not total, but the 88 that sold reached a top of \$1,200 twice and achieved a terrific average of \$592.

NSW buying support was very strong with the 3 leading volume buyers coming from that state. Murray Long, Pendarra stud, Ardlethan purchased 7 ewes, also paying to the sale's equal top of \$1,200 for lot 1. This ewe was from the maternal sister to two of Detpa Grove's top sires. She was mated to 'Shockwave' and pregnancy tested to be carrying at least twins.

Mike Barton, 'Yarrahappina', Wellington was a strong bidder throughout the sale and was successful in purchasing 12 ewes from \$300 to \$950 and at an average of \$583. The highest volume buyers were Peter and Paul Routley, 'Almondvale', Urana. They were also the volume buyers in 2005 when they purchased 38 ewes and then added a further 11 in 2007 and have had great success with the Detpa Grove genetics. This year they were successful in purchasing 14 top ewes from \$300 to \$750.

Yanco Ag High School with 5 ewes to \$850 and Richard Han, Tatilea White Suffolks, Moana and buying through Elders Kaniva agent Matthew McDonald, with 2 ewes to \$850 were other NSW purchasers.

Peter Baker, Baringhup, Vic was a significant contributor to the sale's success. He purchased 2 ewes for the family's 'Boooloola' stud to \$900, plus 3 for Kevin Butler, Kilmore. These 3 included lot 2, the other \$1,200 equal top priced ewe that was sired by Ella Matta 171 and mated to Detpa Grove's \$10,000 new and privately purchased sire, Anden 080276.

Underbidding both top priced lots was Damien Hawker, 'Omad' stud, Kaniva. However he did not go home empty handed; later picking up 4 excellent quality ewes at a \$675 average and to an \$800 top.

Rodney James purchased 8 ewes to \$800 for his son Ian James, 'Iona' stud, Henty, Vic. D Roddis, 'Mt Emu', Snake Valley was another Victorian to bid strongly, purchasing 5 to \$700.

South Australian support was solid with Paul Clark, Naracoorte buying 5 ewes from \$300 to \$700 for GL & TA Stock, Ardrossan. Anthony Hurst, 'Seriston', Avenue Range purchased 4 at a \$500 average to add valuable genetics to his flock.

'Overseas' support came from Rob and Sally Keen, 'Spring Valley', Bracknell, Tasmania. They purchased 3 high quality ewes, paying from \$500 to \$600.

<b>Sale Summary</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2007</b>
Offered	99	100
Sold	88	100
Top	\$1,200	\$1,900
Average	\$595	\$680
Agents	Elders Warracknabeal	
Auctioneer	Ross Milne, Elders Ltd	

## Photos



Pictured after the successful Detpa Grove mated White Suffolk ewe sale were Michelle Pipkorn, Detpa Grove, Jeparit; Mike Barton, Wellington, NSW (12 ewes to \$950); Peter and Paul Routley, Urana, NSW (14 ewes to \$650); and Murray Long, Ardelethan, NSW (7 ewes to equal top of \$1,200).

Victorian buyers contributed significantly to the success of the Detpa Grove sale. Pictured with Detpa Grove principal David Pipkorn (2<sup>nd</sup> left) are Damien Hawker, Kaniva (4 ewes to \$800); Elders Kaniva agent Matthew McDonald (who bought 2 ewes to \$850 for Tatilea White Suffolks, Moana, NSW); and Peter Baker, Baringhup (who purchased 5 ewes in total including the \$1,200 equal top priced ewe for Kevin Butler, Kilmore).



South Australian buying strength at the Detpa Grove sale came from Anthony Hurst, Seriston, Avenue Range (2<sup>nd</sup> left) and his buying agent, Trevor Pomery, Landmark Lucindale (left); and Paul Clark, Naracoorte (right) who bought 5 for G & T Stock, Ardrossan. They are with Tasmanian purchasers Rob and Sally Keen, Bracknell, Tasmania and Detpa Grove principal David Pipkorn (3<sup>rd</sup> left), Jeparit.