

# Detpa Grove continues to lead.

There was an iconic Australian movie from several years ago titled, "The Road to Nhill". That would have been quite apt if re-run last week when buyers from several states again headed to the annual Detpa Grove White Suffolk sale between Nhill and Jeparit. Based on results in the last decade the Pipkorn family's Detpa Grove stud is an industry leading source of elite genetics in the breed. Seventy six successful bidders combined to produce a \$312,000 gross for the 245 head of stud rams, stud ewes and flock rams for a wonderful \$1,263 average.

The sale commenced with the offering of 39 special stud ewes, followed by a further 60 ewes not too far behind in quality. Although the number of stud ewe buyers was down a little on last year, when demand was so hot that 82 ewes sold to a stud record of \$2,600 and averaged \$677, the results this year were still very good. Thirty seven special studs sold to a top of \$1,500 and averaged \$586, while 45 stud ewes sold to \$500 and averaged \$337.

Detpa Grove regular buyer, Mark Williams, Lillimur got the sale off on a great note, purchasing the first 3 special ewes for \$500, \$1,300 and \$800 and later adding another 3 to \$900; his 6 select ewes averaging \$775.

Craig Byers from Woolsthorpe has previously purchased flock rams at Detpa Grove, but through the enthusiasm of his daughters, he decided to commence a stud. Trading as Kysharem Livestock, he started at the top, buying elite from the leading stud in the country. His first purchase was lot 13, DG 090452, a rare quin ewe that stood out for breed type and structure, plus she had outstanding Breedplan figures. He successfully bid the sale top of \$1,500 to secure her and then added 14 further ewes to \$1,200 and at an average of \$543 to give their new stud a great start.

Paul Routley, Almondvale, Urana, NSW was underbidder on both the 2 top priced ewes, but after coming to 'have a look' and perhaps purchase a couple of select lots, he couldn't resist the value on offer later in the draft, going home with 14 ewes at a \$329 average. He also added 2 stud rams from that draft.

Chris McLellan, Tourello Estate, Clunes and buying through Landmark Ballarat got great value in purchasing 10 ewes from \$300 to \$550, while Adrian Single, Bulla Creek stud, Monteagle, NSW was the other prominent stud ewe buyer, purchasing 8 from \$300 to \$700. Eleven bidders were successful in purchasing ewes on the day.

The much anticipated stud ram offering followed and while it did not necessarily have an obvious standout ram like last year when DG 08088 sold for \$20,000 to Kurralea and Wheetelände, the line up of 35 stud rams was very even in quality and sold accordingly. The 35 stud rams averaged a very solid \$4,086 with 27 individual buyers from 3 states successful in their bidding.

Andrew & Rodney Weidemann, Sunnysdale stud, Rupanyup, Vic are long time Detpa Grove clients and got this run off to a top start with a winning \$12,500 bid for DG 090002 Twin, sired by DG Maestro 070591 Triplet and with extremely good and well balanced performance figures. They later added another top young sire later in the draft that was an average breaker, this ram DG 090682 Twin only setting them back \$2,250.

John Jamieson, Wattle Park stud, Finley, NSW then combined with Guy Treweek, Induro stud, Wakool, NSW to purchase the next stud ram, DG 090607 Twin, sired by DG 'Shockwave' and with a Carcase Plus index of 191.26 for \$9,000.

Doug Comb, Manfred White Suffolks, Hay, NSW went to \$6,000 to purchase the highest performance ram in the offering, DG 090578 Triplet, a 'Shockwave' and 'Cracker' combination with a Post weaning weight ASBV of +17.78 and a Carcase Plus Index of 209.28. The evenness of quality was reflected in the first 10 rams averaging \$6,000 and the first 20 averaging \$4,775.

It was not until the 19<sup>th</sup> stud ram offered that the top price of \$13,000 was achieved. DG 090167 and sired by Allendale 060351 was purchase by a syndicate of the Bundara Downs stud Bordertown, SA and the Illoura stud, Moorlands, SA. He had great length, structure & breed type and again a wonderful balance of high performance figures. They later added another extreme performance ram with an eye muscle ASBV of +2.06 for \$2,200.

South Australian buyers again featured prominently in the stud ram buyers list. Besides the top price purchase, W J Peck & KF Browne, Bayview Downs, Padthaway paid \$7,000 for DG 090317 Twin; P & T Dolling, Uralba, Cleve paid \$6,000 for DG 090478 Twin, a very impressive August drop son of DG 080323 ET; I & B Nitschke, Glenarbian, Millicent paid \$5,250 for DG 090380; and B & D Gregurke, 'Teakle Hill', Tumby Bay paid \$3,000 for DG 090272 Tw, a strong pedigreed son of Anden 080276 ET.

Robert Mitchell, 'Ronobri', Lockington, Vic paid \$6,000 for DG 090220 Twin, a very impressive Maestro son that Detpa Grove are retaining a semen interest in, to be one of the more prominent Victorian stud ram buyers. Mark Williams purchased 2 top rams at \$5,500 (for DG 090595 Triplet) and \$7,250 (for DG 090410 Twin); both Anden 080276 ET sons, while Craig Byers, Woolsthorpe added a triplet 'Maestro' son for \$5,250 to add to their earlier ewe purchases.

The 135 flock rams that followed showed no less class than the studs, just a little less preparation. The extensive buyers' list of 39 successful bidders was dominated by repeat buyers who appreciate the performance they get from these Detpa Grove rams in their prime lamb enterprises.

While the stud ewes were back a little, the flock rams picked up the slack with the 135 selling to \$2,200 and averaging an impressive \$1,117, up \$115 on last year's excellent result.

Strong repeat buyers TW & RD Sporn, Murrayville were again active at the top end of the flock ram catalogue, purchasing 5 to \$1,700, plus 1 from the stud catalogue; their 6 rams averaging \$1,575.

Elders Bendigo have provided strong buying support for many years and continued that record with 12 rams from \$650 to \$1,000 for various clients, while their strongest client, SJ & GM Wilson bid at the higher end, picking up another 6 rams from \$1,000 to \$1,300.

PPH & S Naracoorte agent, Simon Mulraney was also back again with a group of clients. Irving Partners, Edenhope was one of the strongest of his group, purchasing 5 rams from \$1,000 to \$1,300, while he also operated on a lower price bracket of \$500 to \$900 in purchasing 9 rams, a/c Hately.

J& FC Schirmer & Sons, Canbrai, SA purchased 7 rams from \$900 to \$1,500 to be prominent buyers. This included 2 from the stud ram draft at the reserve of \$1,500 from that draft of the catalogue.

JC, SL, TJ & SN Adams, Frances, SA and buying through Foster Livestock, Edenhope were also strong buyers purchasing 8 from \$1,100 to \$1,400 to round out the prominent flock ram buyers.

## Sale Summary

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Stud ewes	2010	Stud rams	2010	Flock rams	2010
Offered	99	Offered	35	Offered	135
Sold	82	Sold	35	Sold	135
Top	\$1,500	Top	\$13,000	Top	\$2,200
Average	\$449	Average	\$4,086	Average	\$1,117

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Agents: Elders Ltd

Auctioneers: Ross Milne & Warrick Barrett



Alan Piggott, Illoura stud, Moorlands, SA holds the \$13,000 top priced stud ram at the Detpa Grove sale that he purchased in partnership with Greg & Steve Funke, Bundara Downs, Bordertown, SA. Detpa Grove principal David Pipkorn (second right) is also pictured.



David Pipkorn and daughter Sophie are with Craig Byers, Woolsthorpe who was the volume stud ewe buyer, purchasing 15 ewes in total, including the pictured \$1,500 top priced ewe.



Repeat Detpa Grove stud ram buyers Andrew & Rodney Weidemann, Sunnydale stud, Rupanyup, Vic paid the 2<sup>nd</sup> top price of \$12,500 for this impressive Detpa Grove stud ram. Detpa Grove principal David Pipkorn is on the right.



Detpa Grove principal David Pipkorn holds the \$9,000 ram bought in partnership by NSW buyers, John Jamieson, Wattle Park stud, Finley & Guy Treweek, Induro stud, Wakool.



Detpa Grove principal, David Pipkorn (front) is with prominent stud buyers Peter (left) & Paul Routley (right), Urana, NSW (2 rams and 14 ewes); Craig Byers, Woolsthorpe, Vic (1 ram & 15 ewes); & Adrian Single, Monteagle, NSW (8 ewes).



Detpa Grove principal, David Pipkorn (left) is pictured with Chris McLellan, Tourello Estate, Clunes, Vic after Chris had loaded the 10 stud ewes he purchased at the Detpa Grove sale.



Robert Mitchell, Lockington, Vic holds the \$6,000 ram he purchased at the Detpa Grove sale and is with Detpa Grove principal David Pipkorn. Detpa Grove retained a semen share in this ram.

