

## New record high at Detpa Grove

Another outstanding quality line-up of 83 PTIL White Suffolk ewes was penned for buyer competition at the Pipkorn family's 9<sup>th</sup> Bi-annual ewe sale last Tuesday (11<sup>th</sup> April) at Jeparit.

The quality on offer was duly recognised by 20 registered buyers in the sale shed, plus further competition on Auctions Plus, especially on the top end. Overall 68 ewes went to new homes in four states, plus the USA and selling to a new Detpa Grove ewe record price of \$3600, which was achieved twice.

The sale average was \$957 which was 66% higher than the last sale in 2015 when 75 ewes averaged \$575. It was also in that sale that the previous record of \$3500 was set when the top ewe went to Bruce Buswell, Mt Barker, WA.

Clive, Deb and Caitlin Shillabeer, Wingamin stud, Karoonda, SA were the ones to come out on the right side of the ledger in bidding on both the ewes to make \$3600 in this sale.

The first ewe, DG 130167ET and sired by Wingamin 112462 was offered at lot 3 in the four star 'pick of the pair' lots that commenced the sale. The winning bidder takes their pick of two ewes from the very top echelon of this elite stud, with the other going back into the Detpa Grove flock. This ewe was mated to the new \$68,000 breed record holder, Anden Cruiser 150277Tw and was purchased by Wingamin in partnership with Gary Heilig, Prestige Farm, Montana, USA. Gary Heilig first purchased from Detpa Grove in 2007 when he paid \$3300, and then paid \$3000 and \$2200 at the last sale in 2015. His purchases return to Wingamin, when after lambing naturally, they will be flushed in an ET program with the embryos being exported.

The second \$3600 ewe was DG 150803Triplet and sired by triplet sire DG 130583, lotted mid-catalogue. It was also mated to Anden Cruiser 150277Tw, with multiples right through its breeding and being scanned to have at least twins this lambing. The Shillabeers purchased this one on their own account.

Underbidder on both ewes was Will Peck, Bayview Downs stud, Mundulla, SA. He was later successful on four ewes, paying to \$1600 and averaging \$1225. His top purchase was DG 120533Triplet, the dam of a \$13,000 stud ram for Detpa Grove. All four of Will's purchases were PTIL to Anden Cruiser.

Ewes mated to the \$68,000 Cruiser were an obvious attraction, which was unsurprising. The 15 in this catalogue averaged \$1460; 52% above the overall sale average.

The biggest volume buyer was Stuart McLeod, Nagambie, Vic. He purchased 13 ewes to a top of \$800 and at a great value \$631. He is starting a new stud and said, "I thought I might as well start with the best." Of his 13 purchases, 10 were scanned with multiple pregnancies so he will certainly get a very good start to his stud program.

Aaron Zwar operated the Auctions Plus network and had two prominent buyers amongst the bidders on this network. Elders Kingscote, SA averaged \$775 for four purchases, paying to \$1100, but it was

Will Milroy, Rangeview stud, Pipers River, Tasmania who was the sale's equal second top volume buyer. He purchased seven ewes, paying to \$2600 and averaged \$1271.

His top ewe was DG 140310 by the outstanding sire DG Riccochet 130066Tw and was mated to Anden 140293. He also purchased his pick ewe from the lot one pair, DG 150071 for \$2000. Will commenced his White Suffolk stud at the last Detpa Grove mated ewe sale in 2015 with 10 ewes and the success of these purchases brought him back for more.

Trevor Roberts and buying through Elders Echuca's Matt O'Connor also purchased seven ewes, but at the real value side of the sale, paying to \$800 and averaging just \$600.

Supported by her father, Ellie McDonald, Hopea stud, Dadswells Bridge, Vic also purchased quality at great value in picking up six ewes, paying to \$1200 and averaging \$650.

Tim Jorgensen, Mertex stud, Antwerp, Vic was very selective in bidding on the very top ewes and was successful in purchasing five to \$2000 and at a \$1040 average. His top priced purchase was a rising six year old ewe, DG 110115Tw and mated to 'Cruiser'.

Ian Pfeiffer purchased three top ewes to \$1300 and at a \$1000 average for the Grossman family, Koonawarra stud, Angaston, SA. Peter Angus, Maroola stud, Mallala and Stuart Staude, Riddock stud, Bordertown were other South Australians who put good competition in the sale, both averaging \$1200 for two ewes each, these ranking highly for meat eating quality EBVs.

Ben Prentice, Kurralea stud, Ariah Park, NSW introduced four states into the buying mix when he picked up two outstanding ewes for just \$900 and \$800.

Andrew McLean, Hopelock stud, Patchawallock, Vic and buying through Landmark's Tim Ferguson provided good bidding competition, being successful on four ewes to \$1000 and at a very good value \$700 average. All his purchases were scanned pregnant to multiples.

Showing that you didn't have to have a big budget to get quality in this sale were Trevor, Nanette and Lucinda Smith, Marleigh White Suffolks, Gymbowen, Vic. Of the 15 ewes mated to the \$68,000 Anden Cruiser, only four sold under \$1000. The Smiths secured three of them at an average of just \$700.

Detpa Grove principal David Pipkorn was pleased with the overall result, saying, "The sale was solid and we were naturally very happy with the top end, but it was also good to see both new and repeat clients still able to get quality at value."

**Sale Summary:**

68 of 83 ewes sold to \$3600 (x2) and averaged \$957

**Agents:** Elders Wycheproof

**Auctioneer:** Ross Milne

*See photos over page*



*Detpa Grove principal David Pipkorn holds the \$3600 equal top priced and new Detpa Grove record priced ewe purchased by Clive, Deb and Caitlin Shillabeer, Wingamin stud, Karoonda, SA in partnership with Gary Heilig, 'Prestige Farm', Montana, USA.*



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*Detpa Grove principal David Pipkorn (2<sup>nd</sup> left) is pictured with some of the more prominent buyers at the stud's biannual mated ewe sale. They are Ellie McDonald, Dadswells Bridge (six ewes), Lucinda and Trevor Smith, Gymbowen, (three ewes), Stuart McLeod, Nagambie (13 ewes) and Tim Jorgenson, Antwerp (five ewes). Between them they purchased 33% of the ewes that sold.*



*Detpa Grove principal welcoming everyone to the sale.*



*Elders auctioneer Ross Milne commencing the sale with the first 'pick of the pair' special lot. Will Milroy bid \$2000 through Auctions Plus to secure his selection.*