

## Orrie Cowie presents one of best offerings

A good crowd that contained 41 registered buyers was greeted with one of the best Orrie Cowie offerings in recent times. In staging their 45<sup>th</sup> annual Orrie Cowie auction at Warooka, principals Dennis and Heather Dalla could feel justifiably proud of the quality of their Merino, Poll Merino and White Suffolk rams. They were rewarded with a near total clearance of auction rams, plus a good clearance on the graded private selection rams.

In the Merinos and Poll Merinos, Elders auctioneer Tom Penna had little trouble soliciting bids, with excellent competition, especially on the top stud quality rams. In the main auction, 53 of 57 rams sold to a \$7,200 top price (up \$800 on last year) and a terrific \$1,791 average.

There was a bigger percentage (60%) of the offering made up with Poll Merinos and these 34 achieved a total clearance, selling to \$5,500 and averaging \$1,604. While the Merino offering of 23 rams did not all clear, they achieved the 2 top prices of \$7,200 and \$7,000 and averaged \$2,132.

Purchaser of the \$7,200 top was Bruce McCarthy, Yacca, buying through Elders Clare manager Peter Rolestone. After being runner-up on the first horned ram, he was pushed further on the second, a brilliant 19.73 micron and 99.8% CF woolled son of 'Exceller'. Bruce was a strong bidder throughout and also purchased 4 other rams (1 poll and 3 horned) to \$1,500.

Raymond Voigt, buying for his son and regular Orrie Cowie client Michael through Landmark Melrose, paid \$7,000 for the first Merino, a 1 year old descendent of the famous Orrie Cowie M222. Pushing these 2 SA buyers were strong WA bidders, with Kevin Chambers, Kojanup being underbidder on the top priced ram and also in the bidding on the first ram. He was then successful in purchasing the 3rd Merino on offer for \$3,000, another descendent of M222. He then added an Exceller son for only \$1,600 in what turned out to be great value buying.

Robert Lange, 'Montrose', Narrogin, WA was also a strong bidder on the top rams and was eventually successful in purchasing an Exceller son for \$2,400, plus 2 Poll Merinos for \$1,200 and \$1,000.

Western Australian buyers were to the forefront in the Poll Merinos as well, with Orrie Cowie regular buyers Stan and Dorothy Kupsch, Geraldton purchasing the \$5,500 top priced Poll Merino ram, plus another a few lots later at \$2,400.

The super impressive 118kg and 14 month old poll ram 087001, with a great carcass and super crimp bright and long stapled wool at lot one was their top purchase and got the sale off to a great start. WA buyers purchased 13 rams in total with Elders Esperence A/c K Norman picking up 6 to \$700 in the graded pens.

David and Gavin Reade, Curramulka have supported Orrie Cowie as strongly as anyone over the last decade, this year purchasing 2 outstanding woolled 1 year old Poll Merino sires at \$4,500 and \$4,600, after being runners up on the top poll lot.

Including the Reades, local buyers purchased 19 rams in total with other buying support coming from virtually every area of South Australia. This demonstrates the protective nourishment qualities of the Orrie Cowie wools, doing well in both drier and high rainfall areas.

Kangaroo Island buyers were particularly strong buyers in this sale, continuing a long association with Orrie Cowie. Robert Hams, buying through Elders Wool area wool manager Craig Eckert purchased 7 rams to \$3,000 in the main auction and then added 25 from the graded pens. Calana Heights purchased 4 main auction rams to \$1,000 and added another 7 graded rams to \$700, while PI & GK Florance, buying through Landmark Kingscote's Paul Jardine successfully bid \$1,400 & \$1,200 for 2 big barrelled Merinos with bright white and long stapled crimp wool. The KI buyers accounted for 44% of the Merino & Poll Merino sales on the day.

Regular buyer JE Rodgers, through Landmark Strathalbyn, purchased strongly in the early Poll Merino lots, successfully bidding on 4 rams, paying from \$1,000 to \$1,600.

SR & CL Wilksch, buying through Elders Eudunda went to \$4,200 in purchasing a big well muscled and long stapled Poll Merino before adding another for \$800. Larry Honner, Elliston purchased 4 Merinos, all at \$1,000, while the McSkimming family, Minlaton paid to \$2,000 in also purchasing 4 rams on the day. Other Yorke Peninsula locals, RG & NJ Parsons paid to \$1,300 in also picking up 4 rams in total.

The Dallas then offered 30 top young White Suffolk rams from their Redwood White Suffolk flock. These sold well with 28 clearing at auction to \$1,300 (x2) and averaging a very healthy \$895, up \$334 on last year's initial offering from this flock, while also selling 5 more. JP & A Gregor, Curramulka paid the \$1,300 top price twice in their 3 purchases, with 11 bidders taking from 1 to 4 rams in a successful conclusion to the sale.

## Summary

Merinos & Poll Merinos	2010	2009
Offered	57	59
Sold	53	56
Top	\$7,200	\$6,400
Ave	\$1,791	\$1,480
Redwood White Suffolks		
Offered	30	46
Sold	28	23
Top	\$1,300	\$700
Ave	\$895	\$561

Agents: Elders Minlaton

Auctioneer: Tom Penna



Pictured with the 2 top priced Merino rams at \$7,200 and \$7,000 from Orrie Cowie sale are Elders Clare manager Peter Rolestone, Karen Dressler and Bruce McCarthy with the top priced ram; John Dalla holding the \$7,000 ram bought by Raymond Voigt (2<sup>nd</sup> right), Melrose for his son Michael, & Elders auctioneer Tom Penna.



John Dalla holds the 2 Poll Merino rams purchased by Gavin (left) and David Reade, Curramulka for \$4,600 and \$4,500.



Stan and Dorothy Kupsch, Geraldton WA paid \$5,500 for the terrific Poll Merino ram on the left at the Orrie Cowie sale and later added the other at \$2,400. They are held by Orrie Cowie's John & Dennis Dalla.



Western Australian buyers were prominent at the Orrie Cowie sale, purchasing 13 rams in total. Pictured are Dorothy & Stan Kupsch, Geraldton with their \$5500 purchase; Orrie Cowie principal Dennis Dalla; Kevin & Lyn Chambers, Kojanup with their \$3000 purchase; & Robert Lange, Narrogin with his \$2400 purchase.



Kevin and Lyn Chambers, Kojunup with the \$3,000 Merino ram they purchased at the Orrie Cowie sale after being runner up on the top priced ram. They also added another at \$1,600.



Robert Lange, Meltrac Enterprises, Narrogin, WA with the Merino ram he purchased from Orrie Cowie for \$2,400 for his 'Montrose' flock. He also purchased 2 Poll Merino rams.



Pictured after the successful Orrie Cowie sale are Yorke Peninsula locals, David & John McSkimming, Minlaton (4 rams to \$2,000), Gavin Reade, Mt Rat (2 Poll Merinos at \$4600 & \$4500, plus 4 White Suffolks), Phil Gregor, Curramulka (3 White Suffolks to \$1,300) and John Kemp, Curramulka.