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# SRS rams to \$4400

By MARK GRIGGS

ESTABLISHED and first-time buyers from Walgett to Delegate and further south to Shelford, Victoria, and Cressy, Tasmania, secured 58 rams from an offering of 82 while paying an average \$1672 and top of \$4400 at the eighth annual Wellington SRS Classic Ram Sale on Saturday, October 13.

Of the rams passed-in at auction, 12 went on to sell after the sale.

Seven member studs of the SRS Classic Ram Selling Group entered rams this year which were backed by Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs) and of the traditional SRS type.

As with past sales, 10 per cent of the price paid for the top-priced ram from each stud has been donated to a charity, which this year was Careflight.

Following the SRS type from previous years at the Cooma sale, Tim Bruce and family, "Koorong", Bombala, came to Wellington especially to purchase one ram.

In doing so, Mr Bruce paid the top price of \$4400 for a 14-month-old, 17.9-micron poll ram, Bella Lana Ultimate, a son of the highly successful Wallaloo Park 700 sire which is producing sheep with particularly high ASBVs.

Semen rights in the ram were retained by breeders Scott and Anna Brien and family, Wellington, who sold 10 rams to average \$2240.

A fine wool breeder running 1500 flock ewes and a small stud of 400 ewes, Mr Bruce said his new sire's high growth rate, muscle and fat rate would improve fertility within his flock.

"This ram has all the attributes wrapped up in one package," Mr Bruce said.

The "Koorong" flock grows 18-micron wool and cuts up to a five kilogram fleece on average, however Mr Bruce said he expects the SRS influence to lift his wool cut as well.

A Bella Lana horned ram of 18.2-micron was purchased for the equal second-top price of \$4000 and its buyer Warren Leeson, "Anglewood", Dunedoo, also paid \$1800 for another.

Mr Leeson described his \$4000 purchase as a well-covered, good wool cutter.

"He has the micron to suit my flock and is growing good stylish wool with deep crimp," he said.



Buyer of the \$4400 top-priced ram Tim Bruce, "Koorong", Bombala, and Anna, Jane, Sarah and Scott Brien of Bella Lana stud, Wellington.

Selling the other \$4000 ram was the Taylor family of Mumblebone stud, Wellington, who cleared 10 rams for an average of \$2310.

This 14-month-old poll ram of 18.2-micron went to return buyer Michael Martin for the Turee Vale Partnership, "Turee Vale", Coolah, who paid the top price last year for another Mumblebone sire.

First-time buyer Wayne Johnstone, Warrambine Pastoral, Shelford, Vic, paid \$3800 for a 17.5-micron ram also from Mumblebone.

Warrambine Pastoral runs 8000 Merino ewes of 17.5-micron and cutting an average 4.7kg fleece.

"I'm chasing high fat and high eye muscle scores," Mr Johnstone said.

"The higher fat is important for survival in these cold winters, but wool cut is also important."

The Boxleigh Park stud of Bruce, Geoff and Hugh Taylor, Wellington, sold 16 rams to \$3800 to average \$1400, with return buyer Michael Nairn, "Wallendibby", Delegate, paying the money for the draft-topper, with an 18.8-micron wool with 100pc comfort factor.

Mr Nairn bought five Boxleigh Park stud rams for a \$1600 average.

### How the studs sold

Stud	Offered	Sold	Top (\$)	Avg (\$)
Mumblebone, Wellington	12	10	4000	2310
Bella Lana, Wellington	10	10	4400	2240
GullenGamble, Yeoval	8	1	2000	2000
Parkdale, Dubbo	10	5	3000	1440
Boxleigh Park, Wellington	20	16	3800	1400
Hilltop, Mudgee	10	7	2400	1400
Glenwood, Wellington	12	9	2500	1122
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>4400</b>	<b>1672</b>

Nyngan-based Marrawarra Partnership, the losing bidder on several higher priced rams, ended the day with four rams bought for an average \$2500 and topping twice at \$3000 for rams from Boxleigh Park and Parkdale studs.

Norm and Pip Smith and family's Glenwood stud, Wellington, sold nine rams to \$2500 and averaged \$1122 with their 16.8 micron, 14 month-old draft-topper selling with another two to Gunning Grazing, Gunning.

The Kerin family gained \$2000 for their top lot, a 17.2-micron son of their Leahcim Poll ram, bought by return buyers Michael and Leanne Heywood, "Old Mungery", Peak Hill, who purchased four rams on the day for a \$1525 average.

The sale was conducted by Elders Dubbo, with Andy McGeoch the auctioneer.

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