

# Gilmandyke milestones

## Female genetics hit \$3900/hd premium

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GILMANDYKE Angus had their best sale to date at Kangaroobie, Orange, last Thursday clearing all bulls and commercial females, and reaching new records along the way.

Overall Belinda Bateman and family sold all 59 bulls on offer, to result in a new stud record top price of \$18,000 and new stud record average of \$9305. This included eight Q-drop yearling bulls that sold to a top of \$13,000 and averaged a solid \$7875.

The real highlight of the day was the commercial females, with what is believed to be a new record price for commercial Angus heifers sold at auction achieved.

One pen of 10 pregnancy-tested-in-calf (PTIC) commercial Angus heifers was sold for \$3900 a head to the Duddy family of Killain Angus, Tamworth.

With the Angus Society of Australia listing a previous record of \$3650/hd on their website, Angus Australia believes this sets a new record.

"Each week we are seeing unprecedented demand for Angus females, across saleyards, AuctionsPlus and on-property sales as restockers look to rebuild their herds with a breed they can trust," they said.

"The demand for Angus females is Australia wide and in particular restockers are chasing commercial females with known genetics and are willing pay top money for top quality Angus genetics."

The stand-out pen was PTIC to the \$160,000 Australian record selling Angus bull, Millah Murrah Par-

atrooper P15, and was due to calve from mid-September.

Thrilled with the response received, Gilmandyke general manager Wade Peatman said they attribute the success to the heifers being a good run of Gilmandyke type females, that show the emphasis they put on maternal strength.

"The interest in the females exceeded our expectations," Mr Peatman said.

"They were a run of heifers we would keep, excess to our needs ... we like to see good females sold to people that want to buy, rather than go to processors.

"We will be putting more heifers up next year, including some cows, to give more people the chance at Gilmandyke females."

Paying the top money, Killain stud principal Richard Duddy said they were a specialised article, offering the bloodlines, evenness and quality they look for.

"Gilmandyke used a large content of SAV Resource 1441 in their commercial operation, and the fact they were fixed-time AIs (artificial inseminations) will allow us to calve them and then utilise them in our embryo program, with the balance covered by Killain Rainman P1," Mr Duddy said.

Killain also picked up a second pen of 10 PTIC heifers for \$3400/hd, to result in a \$3650/hd average.

Overall the 13 pens (124 PTIC commercial females total) averaged \$3406/hd.

The McLeish family of Outwest Angus, Coonamble, attended the sale and picked up two pens of heifers for \$3404/hd, while action on



Gilmandyke Angus' Wade Peatman (back) with Henry Bateman, the \$18,000 top-priced bull buyer Rob Hall of Corio Ag, Southern Highlands, and Bowyer and Livermore selling agents Todd Clements and Nick Fogarty (auctioneer).



A pen of 10 PTIC commercial Angus heifers was sold for a new Angus record of \$3900/hd to the Duddy family of Killain Angus, Tamworth. Photos: Hannah Powe

AuctionsPlus saw Dwight Geelan, Singleton, through Bailey Property and Livestock take home four pens for a \$3354/hd average, and a Moss Vale buyer purchase two pens for \$3300/hd.

### BUYERS CHASE BULLS

Gilmandyke Reality P154 was the \$18,000 sale-topper who stood out among the bull offering, catching a number of people's attention including successful purchaser Rob Hall of Corio Ag,

Southern Highlands.

Sired by Matauri Reality 839 and out of the Premier Y301 Dream K42 female, that goes back to Vermont Dream Y301, he weighed 950 kilograms at 24 months and was the heaviest bull in the draft.

Described as a calving ease sire that still had a lot of power and performance behind him, he sat in the top 1pc for calving ease daughters, top 3pc for calving ease direct, top 11pc for gestation length and top 13pc for

birthweight. A repeat buyer of many years, Mr Hall said he aims to join around 600 females this year between his Southern Highlands and Cootamundra properties. Running a self-replacing herd of mainly pure Angus, he targets the feeder market.

He was looking for good growth, and picked up some low birthweight bulls as well as two younger bulls including the \$13,000 high-selling yearling bull, Gilmandyke Fig Jam Q19. He was by Black Angus Fig Jam L45 out of Gilmandyke Edette J0599, and weighed 574kg.

"I like to buy younger bulls if I can, to get ahead on genetics," he said.

Overall Mr Hall of Corio Ag averaged \$13,250 across four bulls.

The second top-priced bull was Gilmandyke Stunner P327, a son of Musgrave 316 Stunner, bought for \$17,000 by the Clark family of Glenwest, Portland.

Weighing 868 kilograms,

the rising 24-month-old ranked top 1pc for rib fat, top 5pc for rump fat and top 20pc for 200-, 400- and 600-day weights, mature cow weight, carcass weight and scrotal size. The Clarks also secured two pens of PTIC heifers for a \$3400/hd average.

The Knox family of Knox Pastoral Company at Carcoar were one of two large volume buyers, securing six bulls to a top of \$14,000, to average \$10,500.

Also taking home six bulls was John Abrahams Properties, who paid a top of \$9000, twice, and averaged \$7333.

Stuart Green of Chesney Pastoral Company, Mandurama, Burnt Yards, picked up four bulls including three yearlings and a two-year-old for a \$7750 average. Gilmandyke credited their selling agents, Bowyer and Livermore, for the amount of effort they put in, drawing in a crowd of buyers and creating a great atmosphere for the sale.



Gilmandyke Reality P154 sold for \$18,000

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**Topped \$18,000, Average \$9305**

The team at Gilmandyke Angus would like to thank all friends, clients and underbidders for your continued loyalty and support.

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