

Minnamurra to \$56,000

Speckle Park top at \$56,000, ave \$14,881

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RETURN buyers from NSW and beyond helped Minnamurra Speckle Park stud record one of its best sales on Friday of last week.

A large crowd of bidders gathered for the on-property auction at Mount Mill, Coolah, while more than 100 people followed the sale online via AuctionsPlus from as far away as Tasmania, Victoria and Queensland.

Overall all 59 bulls on offer were snapped up for a 100 per cent clearance rate and at an average of \$14,881.

In the breakdown, 22 rising two-year-old bulls sold at an average of \$18,000, while 33 yearling bulls sold at an average of \$13,818, and four tropical bulls sold at an average of \$6500.

Minnamurra Rastus R51 stole the show, topping the sale at \$56,000 after being knocked down to Wattle Grove Speckle Park stud, Oberon.

The 17-month-old, white-coloured, homozygous polled son of Minnamurra Knighthawk N112 and out of Minnamurra 6Z Spanish Angel N39, weighed 728 kilograms.

He ranked in the top 5pc of the breed for 400-day weight, rib and rump fat, scrotal size and mature cow weight, as well as the top 10pc of the breed for carcass weight, intramuscular fat (IMF) and 600-day weight.

"He's a great bull," Wattle Grove Speckle Park stud principal Dale Humphries said.

"I was very impressed by his weight for age and he'll be a good addition to our

operation."

Minnamurra Speckle Park stud principal, Dennis Power, said he'd been the top bull in his contemporary group right from birth.

"His weight for age and his figures were outstanding," Mr Power said.

"He's in the top 10 per cent for virtually all of them.

"He's a good-natured, very good bull."

Minnamurra Quantock Q64 topped the draft of 22 rising two-year-old bulls when he was knocked down to Castle Mountain Pastoral, Quirindi, for \$28,000.

The homozygous polled second high-seller was by Redneck JSF Whiskey 4B and out of Minnamurra 300X Unique J83, and weighed 822kg at 25 months of age.

White in colour he sat top 5pc of the breed for mature cow weight, 400- and 600-day weight, scrotal size as well as IMF, and was one of two bulls purchased by Castle Mountain Pastoral at an average of \$26,000.

Online volume buyers included Banana Station, Banana, Qld, six bulls at an average of \$18,000, Currabubula Station, Walgett, four bulls at an average of \$11,000 and K and K Rule, Charleville, Qld, three bulls at an average of \$12,000.

Volume buyers in attendance included Gillawarrina Ag, Trangie, three bulls at an average of \$15,333, and LJ Parsons, Scone, two bulls at an average of \$13,000.

John Kater and Amanda Thorpe, Gillawarrina Ag, said they had returned to the Coolah stud after making their first purchase last year.

The commercial produc-



Minnamurra Speckle Park stud principal, Dennis Power, with director David Reid, Wattle Grove Speckle Park stud principal, Dale Humphries, and Elders stud stock agent, Brian Kennedy, with the \$56,000 Minnamurra Rastus.



Elders stud stock agent, Brian Kennedy, and auctioneer, Paul Dooley, knock down the high-selling bull.



John Kater and Amanda Thorpe, Gillawarrina Ag, Trangie, bought three Minnamurra bulls to put over their Angus and Shorthorn breeders at Trangie and Coolibah.

ers run around 200 Angus and Shorthorn cows and heifers across properties at Trangie and Coolibah, and said they were chasing hybrid vigour with a Speckle Park cross.

Ms Thorpe said they had 90 Speckle Park calves about to drop that will be sired by last year's purchase.

"We particularly like how Minnamurra breeds bulls to cope with our local environmental factors," she said.

"The bulls are good for-

agers and hold on well in the drought.

"It gives us confidence that our subsequent breeding cows will thrive."

Mr Power was thrilled to see bulls go as far afield as Tasmania, and said it was a display of strength for the breed and signalled its increasing popularity.

"I couldn't be more pleased actually," he said.

"The young bulls sold exceptionally well and our two-year-olds were fantastic.

"These bulls have come all the way through just on oats and hay, and their weight-for-age and condition we couldn't be more pleased with."

Mr Power said the four tropical bulls in the catalogue were the first in a line of Bos Indicus-infused Speckle Park commercial bulls, more suited to Australia's harsh northern country.

He said this year they were putting Telpara Hills Brangus sires over purebred cows.

"We'd like to get to a tropical breed with probably 10 or 15 per cent Bos Indicus. We want to get the hair off them, get them sleeker and harden them up a little bit for the Northern market.

"These Brangus we're using have high IMF figures and good raw scanning data, and we feel they're the cattle to do it with."

Friday's sale was conducted by Elders, Tamworth with Paul Dooley, Tamworth, auctioneering.



Minnamurra
Speckle Park



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Lot 25, Minnamurra Rastus R51
Sold to Wattle Grove Speckle Park for \$56,000

Thank you to all buyers, underbidders & supporters of our annual bull sale.

59 bulls sold: 100% clearance. Top \$56,000; Average \$14,880

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