

Regal R69's \$42,000 bid

Minnamurra bull sale averages \$12,145

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AN ONLINE interstate bidder paid \$42,000 for the top-priced bull at the annual Minnamurra Speckle Park stud bull sale last Friday, where 59 bulls sold for an overall average of \$12,145.

In the breakdown, 23-two-year-old bulls sold to the \$42,000 sale top and for an average of \$16,285, while 36-yearling bulls sold to a top of \$28,000 and a \$9588 average.

A large crowd of bidders gathered for the on-property auction at Mount Mill, north-east of Coolah, with more than 42 registered buyers, including a large contingent following the sale online via AuctionsPlus from as far away as Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia and Queensland.

Buyers of the top-priced bull were the Van der Drift family of Black Diamond Speckle Park stud, Macorna, in north-western Victoria.

The bull, Minnamurra Regal R69, was sired by Black Diamond North Pole N81 out of a Spots 'N Sprouts Stands Alone 300X Minnamurra cow, tipping the scales at 782 kilograms at just under 24 months old.

With an eye muscle area (EMA) of 117 square centimetres, it had an intramuscular fat (IMF) percentage of 6.0pc, and was in the top one per cent of the breed for 200-, 400-, and 600-day weights, carcase weight and retail beef yield (RBF), and top 5pc for milk. Minnamurra's general manager, Dennis Power, said Regal R69 showed tremendous weight for age, yield and depth in one com-

plete package.

The second-top priced bull was another two-year-old bull, Minnamurra Ramrod, sired by North Pole N81, bought by JAD Speckle Park, Greenvale, Yeoval for \$30,000.

Ramrod weighed 750kg and was in the top 1pc of the breed for milk, and was described as a soft, low birth-weight, easy-doing bull.

JAD principals Justin and Amy Dickens also bought the top-priced yearling bull, Minnamurra Senator S21, for \$28,000.

The 17-month-old weighed 580kg with an EMA of 93 sq cm. Johner Stock Farm Unmarked 2D sired it out of a Minnamurra cow sired by Redneck JSF Whiskey 4B.

Its rib fat estimated breeding value (EBV) was in the top 5pc of the breed, as was its rump and retail beef yield.

Mr Dickens said he regarded Senator as the pick of the sale catalogue and plans to use him as a heifer bull in their herd, expecting about 300 registered calves in the next drop.

"We're already using another bull by the same sire [Unmarked 2D], and he is working well," he said.

JAD also bought a third two-year-old bull, Minnamurra Riley R24, which weighed 690kg and had an EMA of 107 sq cm. Mrs Dickens said Ramrod and Riley would be used in their herd of commercial cows.

John Kater and Amanda Thorpe, Gillawarrina, Trangie bought three bulls, paying to a top of \$26,000 for Minnamurra Rapier R61, a 24-month-old son of



The top bull with Minnamurra general manager Dennis Power, Elders stud stock agent Brian Kennedy, Minnamurra principal David Reid and guest auctioneer Paul Dooley.



Justin and Amy Dickens, JAD Speckle Parks, Yeoval, with the Minnamurra team of David Reid, Dennis Power and Troy Fraser and the \$28,000 top-priced yearling bull.



Clint Austin, Darkwood, Cassilis, with Megan, Chris and Jock Potter, Ballyrogan, Hillston. The Potters took home eight bulls to \$16,000 twice and for an average of \$11,250.

Jackungah Nate N08, which weighed 738kg with an EMA of 113 sq cm. The other two yearling bulls averaged \$6000.

Ben Wesley, Big Star Speckle Park, Hillston bought Minnamurra Ranger R60 for \$18,000 and Minnamurra Sherwood S34 for \$20,000. Ranger R60 and Sherwood S34 were both sired by River Hill Crusader 025C.

The two bulls were among the draft of 22 River Hill Crusader 025C sons that were

offered for the first time in Australia, with Minnamurra confident that Crusader would prove an exceptional sire for the Australian commercial industry.

Next door neighbours to Big Star is Ron Potter Farms, Hillston, the volume buyer of the sale with eight bulls to \$16,000 twice and for an average of \$11,250. Represented by Megan, Chris and Jock Potter, Ballyrogan, they kicked off the sale paying \$16,000 for lot 1, Minna-

murra Resolute R77 sired by Crusader 025C, as well as \$16,000 for Minnamurra Raven R67, an all-black Speckle Park bull sired by Double S JSF Rawhide 260D.

Another volume buyer bidding online through AuctionsPlus was the Wilson family, Banana Station, Banana, Qld, with six bulls averaging \$13,666. This followed up their purchase of six bulls at an \$18,000 average in 2021. The Wilsons paid to a top of \$24,000 for

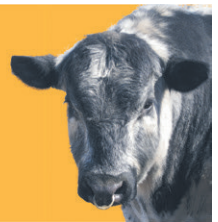
Minnamurra Ronan R39, a 790kg son of Jackungah Nate N08, as well as \$18,000 for Minnamurra Ragamuffin R54, sired by Rawhide 260D and weighing 742kg.

A total of 60 F1 Speckle x Angus cross PTIC heifers were sold to a top of \$3800 and averaged \$2883.

Ten bulls were passed in during the sale, and four sold after auction. The agents were Elders with Paul Dooley, Tamworth, the auctioneer.



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Lot 2, Minnamurra Regal R69 Sold to Black Diamond Speckle Park for \$42,000

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

59 bulls sold: 91% clearance. Top \$42,000; Average \$11,730

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