

# GUNALLO SALE REPORT ON PROPERTY SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010

Perhaps it was the impending forecast of a low pressure system about to hit S.A. with massive amounts of moisture, the state in abundance of feed with meat prices at an all time high and crops in top nick or the gentle waft of the barbeque lunch odour extending through to the sale shed which led to Gunallo's 31<sup>st</sup> on property sale record!

A boisterous sale with plenty in attendance saw 56 long and plain bodied paddock reared rams, with the exception of two, record the year by year increasing average of \$1044.

It was the sheer quality of the animals penned combined with the afore mentioned which brought on, at times, frenzied bidding.

Top price honours went to lot 6, a paddock reared ram bred from Mernowie 708, a sire purchased at Classings Classic'08. He was bought by Don Schroeder and Di Thornton for \$2800. His figures added to his appeal at 18.7u 2.6sd and 99.8 comfort factor. They later added another poll for \$2100 to help them address their "no mules-no worries" policy.

A shedded poll, bred by Leahcim 261, once destined for the Adelaide Ram Sale but lotted at pen 2 at the Gunallo auction, made \$2500 and was sold to new customers, Neville and niece Kym McMahan-McPiggery-Lameroo to further enhance their quality breeding program. He will be used as a "frame" ram as to maintain size over top "wool" ewes. Runner up bidder was Bradfield Merino Stud-Jamestown S.A through Classings Pty Ltd. The McMahons also added another poll at \$2000 and a quality horn at \$1100.

Another new client, Altus Pastoral, bid fiercely to secure two rams at \$2100 and \$1400.

The Blackwells from Dunkeld Vic. bought four to \$950 which was a testament to the Schroeder's continued endeavour to impress at the Hamilton SheepVention Vic. every year.

Continued support from Brendan Ostini-Ravecchia Stud NSW saw him purchase three to \$1900 via phone through Peter Hayman, AWN.

But it was the locals and regulars from Murray Bridge to Murrayville, Loxton to Yanac Vic. and in between which attributed mostly to this successful day. Kelvin Westbrook who bought twelve led the charge with great competition from familiar names such as Grocock, Nuske, Krause, Sheldon, Eisen, Moyle, Smith, Richards, Schenke, Auricht, Heintze and the Gums. Between them they bought 52 auction and selection rams in the \$600 to \$1600 range.

Due to the day's bidding competition, the 2010 average was \$162 up on last year. Nineteen rams sold in the mini auction to \$550.

To add to the day's excellent showing, the Classings Classic'10 team was displayed with much approval from an admiring gallery. All polls, the seven rams complimented two more going to the Adelaide Royal.

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Ray Schroeder, Don Schroeder (Purchaser of Tag 431) and Brad Schroeder.