

Golden Day at Dubbo National for Allendale

South Australia's Allendale Poll Hereford stud from Bordertown continued its highly successful run at the 2011 Poll Hereford National Show & Sale at Dubbo in New South Wales.

In this, the 50th Dubbo National, Allendale bulls won 3 of the 4 senior bull classes and Allendale Rosemount E7 went on to be awarded the senior and grand champion bull titles. This was just about the maximum possible result, with the stud's fourth bull (Allendale Zeppelin E15) being 4th in class 11, won by Allendale Advantage E14. Allendale Anzac E114 won the first of the four senior bull classes to start Allendale's very successful run.

'Rosemount', 'Advantage' and 'Anzac' then combined to win the prestigious President's Shield Award. Stud principal Alastair Day rates this win very highly as it shows consistency and depth of quality, rather than just one bull being a standout.

In just the second year of the Allendale stud's operation under the new ownership of Alastair and Jayne Day; following the dissolving of the previous family partnership and division of the cattle to Alastair & Jayne (Allendale) and Lachlan & Lou (Days Whiteface), Allendale has won the Grand Champion & President's Shield in both 2010 and 2011.

To give an indication of the strength of breeding at Allendale, the Senior and Grand Champion bull, Rosemount E7, was from the great breeding cow Allendale Fancy S19. A previous son of hers also achieved this double back in 2004; this bull selling for \$52,000 to Tasmanian breeders. That is the equal seventh top price of all time at Dubbo in the 50 years of the event.

Allendale National W168 holds the all time record at \$85,000 when sold in 2003 and this year's Allendale team of 4 contained 1 son and 3 grandsons of National W168.

It is in the sale that results really matter and Allendale's team of 4 again excelled, selling to the top senior bull price of \$30,000 (2nd top overall with Valma junior bull topping at \$46,000) and averaged a wonderful \$17,500.

The \$30,000 was paid for Allendale Anzac E114 by a partnership of the NSW based Centennial and Injemira herds.

Andrew, Bruce and Katrina Archer, Westwood Tasmania and supported by Roberts Ltd's Launceston agent Tim Woodham, then paid \$22,000 for Allendale Advantage E14 for their Chester stud and Richard Archer's Quamby Plains stud.

Sales are never predictable and the Carlow family, Kidman Cattle Co, Dubbo were able to pick up the Grand Champion for a relative bargain of \$11,000. TA & JA Weston then secured Zeppelin E15, one lot later for \$7,000.

In a sale where 114 of 127 bulls averaged a very solid \$7,140, the Allendale bloodline featured in the pedigrees of 45 (39%) of the bulls, giving a very strong endorsement of how well the Allendale bulls breed on in other herds.

Over the 50 years of the Dubbo Poll Hereford National the Allendale stud has been most successful exhibitor 7 times (judged on show and sale results - in 1990, 1991, 1998, 2004, 2007, 2008 and 2009); has had the grand champion bull 7 times (1985, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2010 and 2011); won the President's Shield 7 times (2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2010 and 2011), while also achieving the record price (\$85,000) and 3 of the top 10 prices all time at this event.



Alastair Day, Bordertown, SA holds his grand champion bull from Dubbo, Allendale Rosemount E7 that sold for \$11,000 to Neil Carlow, Kidman Cattle Co, Dubbo , NSW pictured behind the bull.



Alastair Day (kneeling), Allendale Poll Herefords, Bordertown, SA holds his first prize winning bull, Allendale Anzac E114 that sold for the Dubbo National's second top price of \$30,000 to Paul Manwarring and Paul Rogers, Centennial Poll Hereford stud, Coolah, NSW in partnership with and Marc Greening, Injermira, Holbrook, NSW.



Andrew, Bruce and Katrina Archer, Westwood, Tasmania purchased Allendale Advantage E14 for \$22,000 for their Chester Poll Hereford stud in partnership with Richard Archer's Quamby Plains stud., Alastair Day, Allendale Poll Herefords, Bordertown, SA holds Allendale Advantage E14, while the Archers' agent, Tim Woodham, Roberts Ltd, Launceston is kneeling at the front.



Allendale Rosemount E7, the grand Champion bull at Dubbo is held by Allendale principal, Alastair Day, Bordertown, SA. They are with Herefords Australia CEO Warren Clark, Ben Kidd (representing sponsors Cydectin), Dubbo, and judges, Doug Tozer (NSW), Katrina Copping (SA) and Anthony Coates (Qld).



The Allendale team of 3 bulls that won The President's Shield award at Dubbo are held by Buster Luckcock, Alastair Day & Bella Day, with Brad Wilson representing sponsors, The Land holding the framed photograph trophy.