

## What a Day shared by Two Days

The combined Days Whiteface and Allendale Poll Hereford bull offering on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb clearly demonstrated there are more great performance cattle in the south east of South Australia than those of a black colour. Red and White was certainly the colour of the day as the studs' 19<sup>th</sup> annual Poll Hereford bull sale saw a wonderful lift in prices up to levels where they belong.

In a total clearance, 78 bulls sold to a top of \$17,000 and averaged \$8218. The top price matched last year's top and while there have been higher top priced bulls at this sale previously; it was the depth of the competition that was the feature of this sale.

Nineteen bulls sold for \$10,000 or better, which went a big way towards lifting the overall sale average by an amazing \$3001 on last year's still very good result at that time of \$5217. Such bidding strength saw just 29 very serious buyers blow the other 30 registered bidders away in front of a large crowd of around 200 people. The buying honours were shared by beef producers from four states and territories, with all these regions featuring in the headlines.

Alastair and Jayne Day and family's Allendale stud topped the sale with Allendale Chinchilla K65 (P) (AI) selling to repeat buyer, Craig Trickey, Coryule Pastoral Co, Ballarat for \$17,000; buying through agent Crawford Dowling. Sired by Allendale Anzac E114 (P), the sire creating major successes in the eastern states, this impressive 21 month old and 848kg bull has been used in the Allendale stud and is ranked in the very top percentages for 10 EBV traits on Hereford Breedplan. He is also a full brother to the winner of the supermarket performance class bull at Dubbo last year that sold for \$20,000.

Purchaser Craig Trickey said, "We were looking to purchase something good to go over the progeny of the last bull top bull we bought from here, and particularly looking at bulls with lower birthweight and top growth."

With +4.3 for birthweight and growth traits up to +73 for 600 day weight, this bull certainly fitted the bill. Two lots earlier he also purchased Days Exceptional K53 (P) (AI), by the \$90,000 Days Calibre G74 (P) for \$11,000 to go home with two elite young sires to fulfil his purchasing objective.

Underbidder on the top priced bull was Tim Roberts-Thomson, Howquadale Station, Mansfield, Vic bidding through his Rodwells Mansfield agent Jamie Beckingsale. Tim was still a very strong bidder on several top lots as well as being the successful purchaser of three bulls. He paid \$11,000 twice, and \$10,000, all three bulls coming from the Allendale draft. Rodwells Mansfield regularly supports this sale, including with Howes Creek who purchased last year's \$17,000 top priced bull.

Ian Daniel, Senior Park, Bordertown, buying through Spence Dix & Co's Kym Lovelock went to \$13,500 for the full brother to the \$90,000 Days Calibre, but then purchased two Allendale bulls in the later lots at \$7000 and \$5000, averaging \$8500 for his three bulls.

In a welcome return to this sale from the vendors' perspective, were James and Lyndy Simpson, Edendale Co, Guneena, Inverell. They last attended this sale in 2012 when they purchased nine bulls, this year going one better. They started their buying at lot 3 with Days Franchise K45 (P) for \$13,000 to make an initial big statement. They then purchased nine more throughout the sale paying from \$6000 to the \$13,000 and averaged \$8750, with five bulls coming from each vendor. Allendale FCF Barkly K83 (P) (AI) at \$11,000 was their top priced Allendale purchase.

The Simpsons run a top commercial Hereford herd and have almost completed their conversion from a horned to polled herd. They mostly market their young stock to the feedlot trade.

Successful New South Wales buyers totalled only three, but their impact was big with 20 top bull purchases.

Cam Anderson and Sarah Harvey, Eringoarra Station, Winderadeen Corporation, Wantabadgery and buying through Pattison Livestock have purchased these bloodlines previously at Dubbo, but this was their first visit to this sale where they made an immediate impact. They purchased eight bulls; four from each vendor, paying from \$6500 to \$9500 and averaging \$8125. They were seeking bulls with lower birth weights, higher growth and fertility, then planning to use these to produce young cattle, marketed mainly at 14 to 18 months mainly to feedlotters.

While these two New South Wales buyers made a big impact with multiple purchases at significant prices, they were not the biggest volume purchasers on the day. That honour went to Locky and Paddy Weir, Todd River Pastoral Co and buying through Elders Alice Springs. They purchased 15 bulls throughout the sale from \$4000 to \$7000 and at an average of \$5767; great value in this sale. They started at lot 11 at \$5000 and finished with the last two lots at \$6000 and \$7000. Three of their purchases came from the Days catalogue and twelve from the Allendale draft.

Long term volume buyers, GA Young & Sons were back again with Ross Young bidding strongly through Landmark Millicent's Jim Noonan. Ross paid from \$5000 to \$9000 for six bulls and averaged \$7250.

The Lambert family, Taronga Poll Herefords, Casterton paid the second top Allendale price of \$13,000 for Allendale Collingwood K62 (P) (AI), a son of the Canadian bull Harvie Tailor Made 7W(ET).

Ian Baker, FOB Livestock, Sale was buying agent for Jim Cobain, the buyer of lot 1 that was possibly the bargain of the day, but also purchased two bulls at \$7000 and \$10,500 account AR Chomley, one coming from each vendor's draft.

There have been many years when the following buying client would have made the headlines, but in this sale they were one of many significant contributors to the outstanding result. Brian Spring, Ray White Keatley, Mt Gambier paid an average of \$9500 for four bulls for repeat client Shiloh Park. One at \$12,000 came from the Days Whiteface draft, while three to \$11,000 came from the Allendale offering.

Besides the great depth of phenotype quality and elite performance of these bulls right through the catalogue, another feature was their wonderful docility. These two studs are not foreign to headline results at National breed events, but this was their most successful annual sale result from the 19 held so far. It will certainly be a day they will long remember.

Summary	Overall		Allendale	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Offered	78	71	40	37
Sold	78	69	40	35
Top	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$11,000
Average	\$8218	\$5217	\$7350	\$4771

*Elders and Landmark*

*Agents:*

*Auctioneers: Ross Milne, Elders and Gordon Wood, Landmark*



*Pictured with Allendale Chinchilla K65 (P) (AI), the \$17,000 top priced bull at the combined Days Whiteface / Allendale Poll Hereford bull sale are Landmark auctioneer Gordon Wood; buying agent Crawford Dowling, Ballarat; his client and purchaser Craig Trickey, Coryule Pastoral Co, Willowvale, Vic; Allendale principal, Alastair Day (kneeling); and Elders auctioneer Ross Milne.*



*Principals, Lachy Day, Days Whiteface (left) and Alastair Day, Allendale (right) are pictured with the biggest volume buyers at their combined sale, Locky and Paddy Weir, Todd River Pastoral, Alice Springs. The Weirs purchased 15 bulls from \$4000 to \$7000.*



*Auctioneers Ross Milne (left), Elders and Gordon Wood, Landmark (kneeling right), and vendors Lachy Day (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Days Whiteface, and Alastair Day, Allendale (kneeling front) are with prominent buyers at the combined Allendale/Days Whiteface Poll Hereford bull sale. They are Brian Spring (3<sup>rd</sup> left), Ray White Keatley, Mt Gambier (four bulls to \$12,000 for Shiloh Park), Ian Daniel, Senior Park, Bordertown (three bulls to \$13,500), Tim Roberts-Thomson, Howquada Station, Mansfield, (three bulls to \$11,000), Tim's buying agent Jamie Beckinsale, Rodwells Mansfield.*



*Allendale principal Alastair Day, left and Days Whiteface principal Lachy Day, right are pictured with prominent buyers at their combined annual sale, James and Lyndy Simpson, Edendale Co, Guneena, Inverell, NSW. Making a welcome return from their last buying visit in 2012, they purchased 10 bulls from \$6000 to \$13,000.*



*Cam Anderson and Sarah Harvey, Eringoarra Station, Winderadeen Corporation, Wantabadgery, NSW are pictured after the combined Days Whiteface/ Allendale Poll Hereford bull sale where they purchased eight bulls from \$6500 to \$9500.*



*Ross Young (right), GA Young & Sons and buying through Landmark Millicent was a strong repeat buyer, purchasing six bulls at the combined Days Whiteface/Allendale Poll Hereford bull sale and is talking with principals Lachy Day and Alastair Day after the sale.*



*Lachy Day, Days Whiteface (left) and Alastair Day, Allendale (right) discuss their sale result with Ian Baker, FOB Livestock, Sale, Vic. Ian purchased three bulls to \$10,500 for two clients, including Jim Cobain, Sale (2<sup>nd</sup> right - one at \$7000).*



*Pictured at the combined Allendale/Days Whiteface sale are industry identities Alec Michell, ex Elders Ltd, Adelaide; Mike Harvey, ex General Manager of The Land newspaper, NSW; John Illsley, ex Stock Journal Livestock Manager; and Jill Harvey.*



*Pictured in the sale ring is the \$17,000 top priced bull from Allendale with his pen mate that made \$13,000.*