

## Smiles all day at Bordertown

It was smiles all round after the combined Allendale and Days Whiteface Poll Hereford sale at Bordertown last Monday (18<sup>th</sup>).

In an environment that was not overly positive because of economic and paddock feed factors, especially in pastoral areas, the sale result of 61 bulls selling from a high quality draft of 73 offered, to a top of \$17,500 and at a \$4836 average, exceeded most pre-sale expectations.

Both Alastair and Jayne Day (Allendale) and their family should be congratulated on the depth of quality and outstanding presentation of their bull drafts.

There was a large crowd approaching 150 that included 49 registered buyers. The weather was hot and so was the bidding competition in the first half of the catalogue.

Four bulls sold for \$10,000 or better and the first half of the catalogue saw all bulls offered clearing and averaging \$5556, with only three selling under \$4000. The second half saw volume buyers top up and lower their averages and while there were some good solid individual results, there were more bargains to be had. Twenty five sold in the second half and averaged just \$3800; outstanding value for their quality.

The top price of \$17,500 was paid by JP Winser, Mt Gambier for Days Whiteface Capacity G8. Mr Winser not only made a top priced buying impact, but also was an important volume buyer. He purchased five other bulls at \$3000 to \$4000, bringing his six bull buying average down to \$6900.

George and Pat Gum, Pinnaroo and buying through joint sale agents Landmark paid the \$11,000 second top price for Allendale Cracker G49, a son of the top carcass sire A Yallori 2. This bull had showing credits behind him, having been second in the under 12 months bull class at last year's Sydney Royal. His growth EBVs went up to +66 for 400 day weight and +90 for 600 day weight.

Allendale also sold the two other bulls to sell for five figures, both at \$10,000. Repeat Allendale/Days buyer Craig Wedlock, manager for Michael and Nerida Hanlon's Howes Creek Hill Station at Mansfield paid \$10,000 for the very impressive Allendale Casino G65, a heifer's first calf with outstanding performance figures topping at +100 for 600 day growth. Buying through Rodwell's Mansfield agent Jamie Beckingsale, Howes Creek also purchased the equal top priced bull last year at \$11,000.

Allendale Catalyst G71 followed Casino into the sale ring and also went out with a \$10,000 price tag. Both these 21 month old bulls were sons of A Advantage E14, this one also a heifer's first calf. Craig Trickey, Willowvale, Victoria and buying through Crawford Dowling, Ballarat, was the winning bidder.

The Victorian buying support was particularly strong, with 14 Victorian bidders successful in purchasing bulls. There were 18 South Australian based buyers, plus 2 from NSW.

Repeat volume buyers GA Young and Sons were back and were again very strong bidders throughout the offering. Supported by Landmark Millicent's Jim Noonan, Ross and John Young successfully bid on seven bulls for their EU and Jap Ox steer breeding enterprise, paying to a top of \$4500 and averaging \$4071.

David Brook, Cordillo Station via Leigh Creek was also a prominent volume buyer, purchasing six bulls to \$4500 and at a \$3917 average. Bidding on his behalf was Charlie Wayman-Jones who connected to the sale via phone hook-up.

The value of good volume buyers to a sale was highlighted by the number of bulls the Youngs and David Brook bid on. In order to secure the six bulls Cordillo Station needed within their budget





Allendale principal Alastair Day saw three of his annual sale bull draft sell for \$10,000 or better. He is pictured in front of Allendale Casino that sold for \$10,000 to repeat buyer Craig Wedlock (right), manager for Howes Creek Station, Mansfield and his agent Jamie Beckingsale, Rodwells Mansfield (centre).



Part of the large crowd at the combined Allendale & Days Whiteface Poll Hereford bull sale.