

Impressive start for Dangarfield

SUMMARY

85 bulls av \$5153, top \$12,000
97pc clearance
6 stud heifers av \$2458, top \$3500
100pc clearance

By KATE BOSHAMMER

THE 21st annual Dangarfield Santa Gertrudis sale at Kingswood, Taroom has kick-started Big Red Santa Week with a jolt, ringing in massive clearance rates with impressive price tags on bulls and heifers sold.

The stud offered 2-year-old and 3-year-old S Classified bulls, 2-year-old and 3-year-old herd bulls, 2-year-old herd bulls as well as stud heifers and a semen package.

The sale kicked off with an impressive run of 49 S Classified bulls, selling for an average of \$6173 with a 100pc clearance.

The top price of \$12,000 was paid by seedstock producers, Howard and Jeff Beutel of Warrillee Santa Gertrudis, Boonah. Sale topper Dangarfield Renault is a 23-month-old classified son of Dangarfield Navigator. He weighed 828kg, boasted a daily life gain of 1.15kg per day, and scanned 113 sq/cm for EMA, 15mm for P8 fat, 9mm for rib fat and a scrotal measurement of 39.5cm.

Dam information supplied in the catalogue made evident the fertility of the bull's mother, who calved as a two-year-old and has produced four calves to date

with a notable calving interval of 368 days. Howard and Jeff Beutel said their new sire appealed to them for his weight for age, strong muscle pattern and doing ability. He also offers outcross genetics to those in their own herd.

The Beutel family, who run 140 breeders on the Warrillee stud they've operated for 29 years, were thrilled to acquire their first Dangarfield purchase.

Repeat bulk buyers, the Knudsen family of Kilbeggan, Chinchilla secured 16 bulls for an average of \$4344, and paid up to \$8000. Other bulk buyers included Coovin Pastoral Co, Clermont who bought six bulls for an average \$4167, WA & KE Freeman, Meeleebie Downs, Wallumbilla purchased five bulls for an average of \$6400, and Hayes Grazing, Scrublands, Mundubbera also secured five bulls for an average of \$3700.

One semen package was offered, 25 straws and 10 registrations in Dangarfield Rapardi, a 22-month-old son of Pinaroo +1004 254927, who had impressive dam performance of eight calves with a calving interval of 366 days. This package was purchased for \$3000 by Christiansen Cattle Co, Campo Santo, Taroom.

The six stud heifers offered sold for an average of \$2458 for a 100pc clearance. Two of these, including the top price of \$3500, sold to Greg Kroll, Chinchilla for an average of \$3250. Four heifers were picked up by the Jenner Family, Headington Hill for an average of \$2063.

● Agents: GDL, Landmark and Elders.



Dangarfield principal Ben Adams (left) with the purchasers of the top-priced bull, Jeff and Howard Beutel, Warrillee Santa Gertrudis, Boonah.

Bullamakinka to \$20,000

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45 bulls sold av \$4333, top \$20,000
75pc clearance.

By MARTIN BUNYARD

A GOOD mix of commercial and stud buyers provided solid competition at the Wandoan Santa Gertrudis bull sale on Monday.

A total of 60 bulls was offered, with a top price achieved of \$20,000 for a high-quality Santa Gertrudis

bull from the Hindle family's Bullamakinka Stud. The polled 932kg, 21-month-old, Bullamakinka D62 was sired by Swan Hill Morley 9491 and was out of one of the stud's top cows, which has had six calves with three of them being classified under Santa Gertrudis Australia.

The bull boasted a 126sq cm EMA with 15mm of fat on the rump and 12mm on the rib. Bullamakinka D62 was purchased by Andrew Orman's Benelkay Santa Stud, Glenmore, Mullaley, NSW.

Overall, the sale averaged \$4333

for 45 bulls sold with a clearance rate of 75 percent during the sale.

The sale grossed \$192,500.

Volume buyers of the sale were the Simmons family, Avon Downs, Clermont, who purchased seven lots for an average of \$5142.

Other volume buyers were Tom and Rob Servin, Duaringa, who bought five lots for an average of \$3000.

The Cook family, Coovin Pastoral Company, Clermont, purchased four lots for an average of \$2500.

● Agents: GDL, Landmark, Elders.



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