



Bulls working hard...

Many of our clients have had a tough year keeping feed in front of their cows. None more so than at Barrington Park, Pine Ridge. Lancer L64 looked pretty well when you consider what they had to graze on.



Lancer L64 at Barrington Park

Steers Performing...

In this year's Merriwa Show prime cattle competition there were 61 mostly crossbred pens of three steers entered. They were fed for 100 days at Alexander Downs, and our steers again performed creditably. Our two pens of Angus steers held their own throughout the competition. One pen was awarded the Reserve Champion pen on the hoof. They were placed 5th and 10th for liveweight gain, 9th and 10th overall in the carcass section, and for overall profitability they were in 8th and 9th spots. One steer was only one and a half points behind the champion carcass to be the third highest scoring carcass.

At the recent Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza, Pymble Ladies College exhibited two of our steers, with Knowla Norbit scoring 91.2 points on the carcass to win his class and place around tenth out of 390 steers.



Knowla Norbit



International visitors...

Stephen Moy from Wingham Beef brought a delegation of their overseas customers to visit in July. Major international food suppliers, Craig Jensen and Edward Mantrel from Turosi Foods, with Ada Sun, Ikea Foods, Shanghai and Andrew McDonald, NH foods sale manager.

Where are the kids at....?

In short – all over! Sandy still has his nose to the wheel in the Sydney CBD. Doug is getting his helicopter career under way with a start at Heli-muster based at Victoria River Downs in the NT (south west of Katherine). Rob has been part of the fencing crew since finishing his third year of uni, prior to going on a six month university exchange to the US early in 2019.

Jack finished his first year of uni, and after a few days at home set off to Canada to work on a couple of Angus studs. He attended the last major show for the year and is now helping with some sales preparation – and getting a look at some sires in the A.I. centres. Georgia came to the end of the road of her school years and looks like she will be heading to central Queensland as a station hand next year.



Christmas NEWSLETTER

We head into another summer with a continual focus on the weather. Our spring has been the best in a few years – and it needed to be, coming off a very low base with no feed after another tough winter. Just over 100 ml in October set us up, but we are still looking for the follow up falls to grow a body of grass. We are also very mindful of how tough it remains to the west and north of us, and aware of the implications of the absence of a grain crop and depleted hay reserves.

The October break allowed us to stop feeding cows, and as it warms up most have freshened up considerably. Our autumn aerial planting program got us through a tough winter with the odd essential rain event bringing it to fruition, resulting in our sale team presenting in very good condition. Since the sale that country has allowed us to turn off some decent drafts of fat cattle at good rates.

Our spring joining is well under way, with two new additions to the sire team. Farrer Maxwell M99 and Bald Blair Nelson N47 were both the sale toppers at their respective sales. They are both impressive looking bulls with excellent performance data behind them. The current calves at foot look an impressive group with the milk coming through just in time to give them a good start.

Next year's team are well on their way, fifty kilograms heavier than their counterparts last year at their 400 day weight. Sought after sire lines over the past two years, Dunoon Highpoint and Booragul Docklands will again be well represented, and Bowmont King who made his debut this year will have a prominent draft as well. First time sire, Wattletop Lock L4, will have a decent draft of high growth sons, a number likely to feature in the front pens. Heifer joining sires, Pathfinder General K7 and Dunoon Litchfield L49 have a number of high calving ease sons in the mix. In the younger bulls, Dunoon Decimal K1354, and prominent U.S. sires, Baldrige Bronc and LD Capitalist 316 make their debut with some standout sons amongst them.

A major change next year will be a shift in our sale date. After a few years of consternation, we have decided to get off the Saturday sale day. In discussions with people involved with the sale, first comments have always been along the lines of, "If it's not broke, don't try and fix it". We have been delighted with the support our sale has generated, with a big crowd on the Saturday. But with this Saturday crowd comes O.H. and S. issues with numerous children around on a non-school day, and we have continually clashed with sporting events, commercial cattle sales, camp drafts and so on.

After convincing ourselves we needed to change – then came the difficult bit! Finding a day that was available with our agents and auctioneer, as well as not clashing with another Angus stud in the immediate area. We finally settled on the last Friday in July, which will be the 26th next year. A few weeks earlier, which will put the pressure on us to get the preparation right, as our team won't get the advantage of the expectation of spring that has them blooming at the end of August.



Farrer Maxwell M99

CE.Dir	Birth	400	600	Milk	EMA	IMF%	\$ABI
+2.8	+4.4	+97	+132	+20	+11.2	+2.8	\$168

Wishing everyone
a wet and happy
Christmas and New year.



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MARK THE DATE
11th Annual Sale
FRIDAY JULY 26th 2019





Thanks to all those supporters that make our sale a huge success.

70/70 Angus bulls average \$8,028

106/106 heifers average \$1,052

The few weeks leading up to this year's sale were shocking weather wise, with a run of frosts and wind, and failed rain events resulting in sentiment running at a low level. We received a number of phone calls from clients in that period essentially saying, "Sorry we won't be there, we're selling more cows". What a surprise we got on sale day. We were delighted with our sale result, and not just the average, but the total clearance at auction was particularly pleasing. Since sale day the number of private sales and further enquiries have been very encouraging, and has shown us we could have placed more bulls.

The Highpoint H744 sons were keenly sought after once again, averaging just over \$10,000 for the draft of fourteen and included the five highest selling bulls. Top sale price at \$18,000 was Knowla Monty M186, purchased by return client Glenisa Angus, Stanthorpe, QLD. Ced Wise and family had previously purchased Knowla Zenith Z40. We retained semen in Monty M186, and he has been utilised in our joining program heavily this year.

Second highest sellers at \$14,000 were Monty M88 and Monty M184. Long time clients, Darryl Johnston and family, Gloucester River selected M88 whilst Penny O'Meara, Paterson River Beef, Lostock purchased Monty M184. Two Highpoint's sold at \$13,000, Monty M170 and Monty M89. Both went to repeat clients in Joe Berry, Buri West, Walcha, and Nic and Kylie Johnston, Wallanbah, Gloucester. Another Highpoint sold at \$11,000 to Jamie and Sal Andrews, Merewether, Gloucester.

A number of bulls sold for \$12,000, including two Booragul Docklands K18 sons. Major M154 was one of a draft of 10 bulls selected by Michael Gallagher for Plumthorpe Pastoral, Barraba. The Plumthorpe draft included four Docklands sons, as well as two sons of Booroomooka Bartel J568 at \$10,000 and \$11,000 respectively.

The other volume buyer was the Tisch family, Werris Creek, with manager Evan Barnes putting together a draft of six bulls to a top of \$12,000 for the Booroomooka Bartel sired, Mandella M121.

John and Matt Stidolph, Markwell purchased three sires to a top of \$12,000 twice for the Docklands son, Major M178, and Mandella M124 also sired by Booroomooka Bartel J373. The Bartel J373 sons were keenly sought after, averaging just under \$10,000 for the draft. Knowla Mandella M113 was selected by Marty Peters on behalf of Farrer Angus, Tamworth. Farrer also secured Nambour N24 from the yearling group, sired by Murray Power Tool K8.

Ken and Kellie Harvey, Markwell, paid \$12,000 for their choice, Mandella M117, sired by Bartel J373. Mark and Wendy Vaile, Cedar Party, Wingham also purchased two Bartel J373 sons. First time clients, Rodney and Florence Clayworth, Pembroke, Wauchope paid \$11,000 for their pick of the J373 sons, the younger bull, Nitrate N18. Terry and Carol Sloman Glen Innes also paid \$11,000 for their choice, the Te Mania Gaskin G555 son, Mabo M69.

The first of the Bowmont King sons were in the younger bulls and sold to a top of \$10,000 for Nobleman N46 to Bald Blair Angus, Guyra. Another King son, Nobleman N45 found stud duties at Bulliac Angus, Miles, Queensland. A pair of younger bulls were also purchased by Howard and Jenny Shultz, Bretti, Gloucester.

Repeat clients were a feature of the sale. Garry and Kerry Gooch, Bulahdelah, Speldon Partnership, Gloucester, Leguay Family Farms, Bulliac, Greylands Pastoral, Singleton, Jim and Rosemary Dixon, Coonamble, Elwyn Hile, Bunyah, Gary and Julie Yates, Craven Creek, Stone Mountain, Vacy, Cam Laurie, Rawdon Vale and Bernie Brinsmead, Wingham were all successful return clients.

The heifer portion of the sale met a cheaper market compared to previous years, but still sold at very acceptable rates given the seasonal conditions at the time. Repeat clients, Mark and Wendy Vaile, John Gillies and Karen Miles, and Mill Creek Angus, Stroud all secured a pen. First time clients, the Gleeson family Johns River purchased both a pen of heifers and a bull, as did the McNamara brothers, Halliday's Point.



Paul Dooley, James, and Nick Hall with top seller, Knowla Monty M186, purchased by Glenisa Angus, Stanthorpe QLD.

