



Welcome to **KNOWLA LIVESTOCK** December 2020

# Christmas NEWSLETTER

This time last year we could have only dreamed about the season the state has just experienced. Cattle prices appear to have no limits, and with a record harvest all but completed, agriculture in general is back on its feet again.

In the Gloucester region our spring was good, probably the best in ten years, but just missed a few falls to turn it into an exceptional season. Ground water levels remain low as we await the predicted la nina rain event.

Our commitment to feed cows last Spring paid off and we would not want to be buying them back now! For the first time in five years our Spring calves are showing the benefit of plenty of milk. The GAR Ashland, Monty M186, Landfall Keystone N106, Karoo Realist N278 and Nobleman N127's are looking really smart.

The time lag from joining to sale time can take three years – so our joining decisions we have contemplated over the past couple of months will be seen at our 2023 sale. We spend a lot of time researching our mating's, considering both the data and physical makeup of both the sires and dams to ensure we will be proud of our 2023 sale team.

We are now producing a number of bulls ourselves that we are very comfortable utilizing in our stud herd. This year we retained three young sires. Quantum Q41, (GAR Drive x Oakgate E58), Quest Q32 (Highpoint x Doris K73) and Payout P175 (Eastern Plains Estate H38 x Lowan K49) have all been out working. Quantum Q41 in particular is a standout, out of a special cow in E58, and his Drive brothers certainly made an impact at our sale.

We have also used through AI two of the lead bulls from this year's team in Pepper P91 (General G18 x Oakgate L6) and Packer P130 (King x Panda K113). From last year's lineup, Nobleman N127 (King x Lowan K49) and Novatel N131 (General K7 x Sal L93) are being heavily used as well.

We are also on the lookout for the next impact sire. We went to the Dunoon sale this year with the intention of securing Prime Minister P758 but ran out of horsepower when he made \$140,000! Thankfully, we were able to secure a semen package in him and have flushed and joined several cows to him. High use USA sire, Baldrige Alternative E125 has also been mated to a large selection of cows.

We were successful in securing Dunoon P1424 in partnership with Booragul and Te Mania Parenthesis P446 in partnership with Dunoon, Booragul and Waitara studs. Both bulls are complete outcrosses for our herd.

At the Kenny's Creek female sale in October Jack found the outstanding heifer, Kenny's Creek Bara Q423 and we teamed up with JRGV, Arden and Waitara to buy her for \$19,000. She is currently being flushed at Holbrook Vets, and we look forward to adding the Bara female line into our herd over the next couple of years.

Next year's sale team has some exciting prospects. In the older bulls, the LD Capitalist and Monty M186 drafts are catching our eye. Lawson's Momentous M518 also has a draft of calving ease prospects. In the younger bulls, just weaned, Yon Full Force, Novatel N131, Dulverton New Approach N208 and King have the standouts. In particular the Full Force x Doris K73 – our Reality donor cow – are catching our eye at present.



Knowla Quantum Q41



Dunoon Prime Minister P758

**MARK THE DATE**  
**13th Annual Sale**  
**FRIDAY JULY 30th 2021**



## Sale Total Clearance

Long term clients and first-time attendees made up the 134 bid card holders either online or in attendance at our twelfth annual sale. Whilst we were delighted with how our bulls presented on sale day, we did not anticipate the demand for our bulls would create a new stud record average when 73 sold from 73 offered to a top of \$30,000 to average \$13,041.

Large scale commercial breeders and stud operators competed against each other from the outset when Lot 3 made \$22,000 to Dunoon Angus at Holbrook. At 898 kgs, Pepper P91 was one of the heaviest bulls in the sale with an exceptional data set, with semen retained for in herd use at Knowla. That price was soon eclipsed when Lot 7, Packer P130, sold to Walcha commercial breeders, Don and Alison Cameron for \$30,000. A Bowmont King K306 son, P130 is from an EF Complement donor cow, with also semen retained at Knowla.

The King sons were keenly sought after with Urban Angus, Dungog, paying \$20,000 for their choice, Quincy Q75, the natural calf from a Reality blood donor cow, Doris K73. Betroola Investments, Cassilis, also selected a King cross Reality son in Packer P147 for \$20,000. Margo Duncan from Boambee Angus, Seaham, paid \$18,000 for her pick, another King son in Packer P141.

Volume buyer with 8 lots, Ellerston Station, Scone, also secured two King sons to a top of \$18,000 for Packer P159. In all, the eleven King sons averaged \$16,454 as the top selling sire group. Seven Booragul Revenue M4 sons were also keenly sought after with seven averaging \$14,285, selling to a top of \$20,000 for Payday P117 to Ellerston. Return local clients, Mackas Pastoral also secured a Revenue son at \$18,000 for the highest average daily gain bull in the catalogue, Payday P242.

First time sire, USA semen sire GAR Drive, also attracted keen interest with sons making to \$27,000 for Quantum Q27, when secured by large scale Walcha commercial operation, Branga Plains pastoral Co. Another Drive son, Quantum Q26 made \$20,000 to long term clients, George and Sue Lyons at Nowendoc. Another Drive, Quantum Q53 made \$16,000 to Wirragulla Pastoral, Dungog.

Repeat clients were strong throughout the offering. Penny O'Meara from Paterson River Beef paid \$16,000 for her choice, the Baldrige Bronc son, Patriot P114. Also at \$16,000, Paragon P71 went to Tomkat Pastoral, Bunyah. Trevor Murray paid \$18,000 for Quartz Q04, a Knowla Montana M13 son, whilst Wallaringa Partnership, Wallarobba, paid \$15,000 for their choice, Powerplay P212. Also at \$15,000, the General G18 son, Pepper P98 went Allan and Di Shultz at Cobark.

Darryl Johnston and family put together a draft of three to a top of \$18,000 for the Bronc son, Patriot P134. Josh and Penny Evans, Vacy, also selected three to a top of \$14,000 for the Dunoon Kind K1354 son, Payload P171. Also repeat clients, Michael and Wendy Fraser took home two lots, as did the Stidolph family, Bulahdelah. Col and Sally Martin and Kerripit Partnership both purchased single lots, sired by King K306.

Several new clients made their presence felt. Cobrabald Partnership, Walcha, put together a draft of three to a top of \$14,000. Also from Walcha, Emu Creek secured two lots as did Bunyah breeders, David and Jane Harvey. Peter Hart, Comboyne secured two young sires as a first time purchaser, as did ANC Grazing, Scone. Hunter River Cattle Co secured a draft of three on behalf of Gresford clients. Gloucester agent, Hannaford Stock and Land, put together a draft of four bulls on behalf of local clients.

The bidding pace did not let up when the heifers entered the ring. Six, fifteen months old stud heifers joined to AI sire Knowla Nobleman N127, averaged \$4375. Top price of \$5,000 was paid by the Litzow family, Linvale Angus, Linthorpe, QLD.

The 100 commercial unjoined heifers attracted strong competition with local bidders competing against buyers from afar afield as Moss Vale and Tenterfield. The top price pen at \$3,000 went to repeat client, Tomkat Pastoral, Bunyah, whilst Bruce Moy, Taree, operating on behalf of his son Matt from Moss Vale paid \$2,800 for a pen of 15. In all, the six commercial pens of heifers averaged \$2,098 to establish another sale record.



Jamie Grosser, Aaron and Penny Lieb, and Margo Duncan, Boambee Angus, Seaham with Packer P141.



Don and Alison Cameron, 'Glenora' Walcha with Packer P130.

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

**73/73 Angus bulls average \$13041**

**106/106 heifers average \$2226**





Portion of a draft of 180 Knowla steers just consigned to Carooona and Killara feedlots to average just on \$1900 at 13/15 months of age.



Typical Macka's Pastoral calf on the cow at Berrico Station sired and identified to a Knowla bull – ready to be grown out and be sold under the premium Macka's Australian Black Angus Beef brand.



Knowla National N64 at Boambee Angus, Seaham. An impressive sire and his calves look just as good.



Knowla Monty M88 yearling steers bred by Daryl Johnston, Gloucester River that averaged just under \$2000 into Carooona feedlot in November.



The fencing 'A' team – Howie, Annie, Georgia and Piper!



Outstanding yearling heifers, Millah Murrh and Knowla blood at Josh and Penny Evans', Vacy.

## And the kids are...

Essentially all out and about doing their own thing but hampered somewhat as the result of Covid 19. Jack and Georgia had a disrupted year trying to get through their UNE Rural Science degrees – spending much of it in front of a computer at home. Georgia did get back to UNE for a brief period at the end of the year and has now signed on at home for the summer - joining the fencing team in November. Jack has also been busy with Breeder Genetics and was handy for the calf weighing and AI programs.

Sandy is an Associate at the private investment firm Roc Partners, that specializes in ag based investment. He has also squeezed in a Masters at Sydney Uni in Agriculture and Environment. Doug has spent the year in the Territory with Heli-muster and has been kept busy. For a big portion of his time he has been based at either of the two CPC stations, Bunda or Newcastle Waters. Covid restrictions kept Rob at home for the first part of the year until he was allowed to return to the USA to take up his position as the Special Projects Manager for Yakima Chief Hops in Washington State. Covid travel restrictions will stop him from visiting home until at least the end of next year.

## Semen Sires

Get onto Jack at Breeder Genetics (0467 484 479) to learn more about sires we have an interest in. Knowla Nobleman N127, Knowla Packer P130, Bowmont King K306, Knowla Monty M186 or Booragul Revenue M4.



*Wishing everyone*  
a wet and happy  
Christmas and New year.



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