

WA Consolidated Red Angus tops at \$5000

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AN extremely even line-up of quality bulls were on offer at the fourth annual WA Consolidated Red Angus bull sale at Kingslane, Bengier, on Monday.

The early maturing patterns and do-ability of the Kingslane sires and the body length and frame of the Magic Valley bulls, ensured buyers were spoilt for choice in the one location.

This year the Cranston (Kingslane) and Bennett (Magic Valley) families came together to present a top selection of 46 bulls, in what was a tough market and resulted in a 45 per cent clearance under the Elders hammer.

When the final call was made, 21 out of the 46 bulls offered had sold to an average of \$4393 and a top price of \$5000 which was reached on three occasions.

Seasonal conditions and low conception rates for beef producers across the State seemed to take its toll, with the value down \$888 on last year's average when 41 out of 60 bulls sold for the three vendors involved.

Elders auctioneer Nathan King said the sale result was no reflection on the quality of stock but more to do with the recent price fall in the local cattle market due to seasonal conditions and conception issues.

"The quality of bulls was excellent and very even," Mr King said.

"Today buyers certainly bought sires that were worth \$6000 to \$7000 for only \$4000 to \$5000.

"Like bull sales before



With the equal \$5000 top-priced Kingslane bull at Monday's WA Consolidated Red Angus sale at Bengier was Elders Brunswick/Harvey representative Alex Roberts (left), twins Jayen and Kirstie Revell, McVay Pastoral Company farm managers Tanya and Rob Revell, Condigup and Kingslane stud principal John Cranston.

them, it was a buyer's market.

"I am sure all Kingslane and Magic Valley clients will walk away very pleased and confident with their purchases."

Lot one, Kingslane Narky N30 was selected to lead the sale and that it did, reaching the day's equal top price of \$5000.

The 876 kilogram sire, by Red Mix Mile Game Face 164Y was knocked down to return client Sarah McVay, McVay Pastoral Company, Condigup.

Farm manager Rob Revell bid on the sire which expressed great shape, style and an EMA score of 128cm², 41cm scrotal circumference, a low EBV birthweight of +2.1 and growth figures of +29, +49 and +72 for 200, 400 and 600-day weights.

Mr Revell said this particular sire would infuse new genetics and would be

used in a nucleus herd to breed their own bulls.

"He will be used over heifers this year and with his good spread of figures we will have the option to mate him to mature aged females in the future," Mr Revell said.

The operation has a large herd of 3300 Red Angus-Gelbvieh composite females and joins only a portion to Red Angus bulls while the remainder are mated to Gelbvieh sires.

It was an early maturing, soft, easy-doing sale counterpart in lot three which made the \$5000 equal second top price tag at auction.

The Andras New Direction R240 son weighed 756kg, measured 128cm² EMA and was snapped up by volume buyer on the day Rob Johnston, Preston Downs, Esperance.

Kingslane Napoleon N13 had EBVs to boast of +4.6 birthweight, +32, +50 and +68 for 200, 400 and 600-day weights, +10 for milk and +0.1 for IMF.

Mr Johnston said he was chasing really soft bulls and new genetics to infuse into the herd of 600 Red Angus females.

"I have found the Andras

New Direction-sired calves suit our operational needs well, therefore I purchased another son this year," he said.

Along with this bull, Mr Johnston purchased the first two sons to be sold in Australia by Red Six Miles Signature 29B.

"I always like to try new genetics and I look forward to seeing how these calves perform," he said.

The two Red Six Miles Signature bulls will be joined to heifers and their calves will be sold directly off farm to a local lotfeeder in Hyden where they are grown and contracted to Woolworths.

Mr Johnston has been using purebred Red Angus bulls for more than 10 years and sources genetics all over the State, keeping about 100 replacement heifers annually.

During the sale Mr Johnston snapped up three Kingslane sires and one Magic Valley bull at an average of \$4625.

The Magic Valley bull was sire by Red Six Milw Grand Slam 130Z and weighed in at 922kg.

It had raw data figures of 128cm² EMA, 39cm scrotal circumference, 13 P8 fat, 11 RIB fat and 6.6 IMF.

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Knowing good genetics when he saw it was Tim D'Arcy, Lyndon Station Pty Ltd, Regans Ford.

Mr D'Arcy paid the day's equal third top price of \$5000 for Magic Valley Napoleon N25, which exhibited plenty of meat and muscle and was as long as a train.

Sired by Milwillah Marble Bar J53, which is renowned for its untouchable combination of growth, short gestation, scrotal and carcass merit, its son met all these credentials and more.

Weighing 916kg, with an EMA of 133cm² and a 42cm scrotal circumference, the March born youngster also carried raw data figures of 15 for P8 fat, 10 for RIB fat and was an impressive 6.2 for IMF.

Mr D'Arcy said this was the first Magic Valley sire he had purchased and he made sure it was a great one.

"I purchased him to introduce more fat content into my Droughtmaster herd," he said.

"He has extremely good IMF figures and is positive in both his rib and rump fats.

"I will be joining the well-grown sire to my nucleus Droughtmaster herd of 50 head."

Mr D'Arcy said he couldn't be happier with his purchase and commended both studs for putting forward excellent quality today.

"Unfortunately prices didn't reflect this due to seasonal factors."

PC Fraser, Nannup, found two bulls that best suited their needs and paid a top of \$4750 for a Magic Valley sire.

The deep-bodied, well-muscled son of Red Six Mile Grand Slam 130Z weighed 830kg, expressed 127cm² EMA and had a great IMF figure of 6.2.

Lot two, Kingslane Nannup N10 was also written down on the Fraser's account when they paid \$4000 for the 772kg sire.

The last bull to sell under the hammer was snapped up by Pinjarra operation Bancell Falls for \$4750.

Kingslane Nesbit N44



Magic Valley Napoleon N25 was the equal \$5000 top price bull at the WA Consolidated Red Angus sale. With Napoleon was Harry (left), Sonia, Jack and Richard Bennett, Magic Valley Red Angus stud; Harvey, buyer Tim D'Arcy, Lyndon Station Pty Ltd, Regans Ford, friend Clim Addis and Elders Narrogin livestock manager Paul Keppel.

gained some bidding competition for its depth and evenness of body.

Trucking home four Kingslane bulls at a \$4313 average was H & A Norton & Sons, Capel.

Helping them bid to a \$4500 top on two occasions for moderate framed, well-muscled sires was Elders Capel representative Robert Gibbings.

Blythwood Pastoral Company, Pinjarra, didn't leave empty handed and secured three Kingslane bulls at \$4000 each, while Yilgarnia, Denmark, was willing to pay up to \$4500 for two Magic Valley bulls that showed plenty of length and depth.

Cookernup producers S & J Hayes saw the potential in the young Kingslane bulls and snapped up two at \$4000 respectively, while PK Doberstein, Bridgetown, selected a soft, shiny-coated sire that weighed 812kg and paid \$4000.

At the end of the sale John Cranston, Kingslane, had sold 16 bulls out of the 34 offered to a top of \$5000 twice and an average of \$4313.

The Bennett family, Magic Valley, had achieved a clearance of five bulls out of the 12 offered at a \$5000 top price and average of \$4650.



Volume buyer and equal \$5000 top price buyer was Rob Johnston (right), Preston Downs, Esperance. With him is Zoetis representative Jarvis Polglaze. During the sale Mr Johnston snapped up three Kingslane sires and one Magic Valley bull at an average of \$4625.



Kevin Heenan (left), Brunswick and Elders Brunswick/Harvey representative Alex Roberts inspected the very even line-up of bulls before the sale commenced. Mr Heenan purchased lot 22, Kingslane Nerd N59 after the sale's proceedings for \$4000.

WA CONSOLIDATED RED ANGUS BULL SALE (Under the hammer results)

stud	offered	sold	top	gross	average
Kingslane	34	16	\$5000 (2)	\$69,000	\$4313
Magic Valley	12	5	\$5000	\$23,250	\$4650
Total	46	21	\$5000 (3)	\$92,250	\$4393