

# Tiarri hits best average in five years

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IT was the best overall average yet for the Tiarri Prime SAMM stud in the five years of on-property sales when it hosted its annual on-property sale east of Lake Grace last week.

Stud principals Ross and Pauline Taylor and their daughter Kelly-Anne Gooch saw 95 of the team of 100 well-presented rams penned sell at auction to average \$1156, up by \$69 on last year when 81 of the 100 offered sold at auction.

It was solid competitive bidding throughout from a long list of regular buyers boosted by one new client to the stud plus the return of a couple of buyers not requiring rams last year.

And it was the first time buyers, Neil and Brian Jefferies and families trading as Jefferies Bros, Woodanilling, who outbid a number of others to pay the top price on the day.

Having bought the second ram offered at \$1900, Mr Jefferies waited until lot 23, "another ram I liked" he said after the sale, and went to \$2200 to secure it, eventually outbidding Ravensthorpe client Rohan Mead, AK & AJ Mead, who went on to buy two others at \$1700 and \$1600.

The top-priced ram was one of the heaviest in the shed with a weight of 109kg and scans of 44mm EMD, 5mm fat as well as wool tests of 21.4 micron and 98.6 per cent comfort factor.

Not one to divulge a great deal of the family's farming operation, Mr Jefferies said they had so far used Prime SAMMs from other studs with good results and would be using the two Tiarri sires in their breeding program aimed at prime lamb production.

The second highest price on the day was paid for lot 20 when return Bodallin buyer, Kelvin Kent, KK & LD Kent, bidding through Elders Esperance agent Michael Forward, went to \$2100 to secure one with almost identical figures to lot 23.

Mr Kent increased his purchases to seven head this year including another at \$1900 and two at \$1800 and indicated he was thankful for his flock of sheep in a year when crops are not looking the best within his farming region.

Two first time buyers to Tiarri last year were back again and were the volume buyers on the day, both going home with nine head each.

From south of Newdegate, Ian Walker, IF & KM Walker, knows the background



□ With the \$2200 top-priced ram at last week's Tiarri on-property ram sale at Lake Grace were Tiarri stud assistant Zoe Cameron (left), Elders Lake Grace livestock agent Graeme Taylor, top-priced buyer Neil Jefferies, Woodanilling, Elders stud stock auctioneer Nathan King and Tiarri co-principal Kelly-Anne Gooch.

breeding of much of the Tiarri stud having sold his Kindelka Prime SAMM stud to Ross and Pauline and Kelly-Anne five years ago.

With the intention of building up the breeding numbers of his purebred commercial flock, Mr Walker increased his purchases from five last year at up to \$1900 for his nine head.

Mr Walker said he had just sent off his first draft of 335 four-month-old lambs which

averaged 22.15kg returning an average price of \$137.50.

The other second year return buyer was Rob Dall, RA & SJ Dall, Kulin, whose association with Ross Taylor goes back to their days of football.

He was very pleased with the results from last year's rams purchased and went home with his nine up to a high of \$1700.

Rather than breeding through to purebred, Mr Dall said all F2 progeny are sold.