

# Total clearance at Tiarri SAMM sale

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THE third annual on-property ram sale east of Lake Grace for Tiarri Prime SAMM stud breeders Ross and Pauline Taylor and their daughter Kelly-Anne Gooch was pretty much a carbon copy of their previous two annual auction sales.

They put up 100 head, they sold 100 head, their many repeat buyers were there again along with some first timers, and this year's average of \$1089, although down just \$14 on last year, overall was as good as last year's result, if not better, considering the current values of trade lambs and mutton compared to this time last year.

On the matter of trade lambs, Elders joint sale auctioneer Dennis Roberts in opening proceedings congratulated Ross, Pauline and Kelly-Anne on taking out the recent WAMMCO State Prime Lamb competition with their first placing of a line of 132 purebred Prime SAMM lambs which averaged out at 25.9kg and along with that, first placing in the 300 plus lamb consignment which averaged 24.84 kg.

No doubt many of their clients are also enjoying top returns indicated by the

support they provided at this year's sale.

And that support came very much from the Wheatbelt, pretty much in a line stretching from north of Hyden through to Ravensthorpe.

Four of the 26 buyers who purchased from the offering were prepared to go to a top of \$1600, which was the top price on the day and two of those four buyers both bought two rams at that figure in their purchases.

Another interesting fact is that of those four buyers, two were return buyers, while the other two were first time buyers to the stud.

The return buyers to bid twice to \$1600 were Tom and Donna Lynch, PD Lynch & Co, Hyden who went home with five rams all up, including another at \$1500.

Tom and Donna only moved to using Prime SAMMs three years ago and have been buying rams from Tiarri since then.

They now run 3000 F1 ewes having both bought in and bred up from their Merino flock and around half of their ewes were joined back to Prime SAMMs with the other half to terminal sires.

Along with their sheep breeding and other farming

activities, Donna is also a member of the Sheep Industry Leadership Council.

The other buyers to purchase two rams each at \$1600 in a total purchase of 11 head from the sale were Wheatbelt producers and wished to remain anonymous.

Clint Westlake trading as Top Notch Farm Pty Ltd, Newdegate, is also breeding up from Merinos and now has 900 F1 ewes from which he will upgrade and, as a first time buyer from Tiarri, went home with three rams, one of these also at \$1600.

Further advanced in his upgrading program is Dean Carruthers, Lake Grace, who runs 1350 F2 and F3 ewes with his partner, Kelly-Anne Gooch and they bought four from the sale also up to the top price of \$1600.

Another major buyer was fellow local, Matt Lloyd, Tim Lloyd & Co, Lake Grace, who purchased nine from \$1000 up to \$1500 twice.

Also paying up to \$1500 in the five head they purchased were Sonia Waddell and Russell Harding, Springfield Farms, Newdegate and another regular buyer from slightly further east was Vance Nicholls, Lake King, who bought six from the sale.

Two first time buyers at last

## SALE SUMMARY

Offered: 100  
Sold: 100  
Top: \$1600 (6)  
Gross: \$108,900  
Average: \$1089

year's sale were back again and they were neighbours on Kulin's Tin Horse Highway.

Michael Lucchesi went home with seven from the sale and Jay Robertson bought three but both jumped in to the private selections run into the shed immediately following the sale.

Speaking on behalf of the family, Kelly-Anne said they were all very pleased with way the rams had presented and welcomed the new buyers to the stud and the many loyal return clients wishing them all the best with the new lamb selling season

Mr Roberts, who shared the selling duties with Rohan Vaughan, said it was the best offering the family had put up and that the quality certainly reflected the results they were having in the commercial field.

"The test figures as per the catalogue are a good indication of quality when you consider the age of these rams, many with weights up

around the 135kg mark, eye muscle depth up to 50mm and micron as low as 19.4 and comfort factor as high as 99.7pc," he said.

"The continued response from clients who were selective to type is a good indication that they are getting results from these Tiarri rams."



□ Tiarri co-principal Kelly-Anne Gooch (left), holding one of the six rams which topped the family's third annual sale at \$1600. With her were buyers Donna and Tom Lynch, Hyden, who purchased two rams at \$1600, Elders joint sale auctioneer Rohan Vaughan, first-time buyer to Tiarri Clint Westlake, Newdegate, who also purchased a ram at \$1600, his son Trey and sale co-ordinator Graeme Taylor, Elders Lake Grace.