

# Solid bidding pushes Tiarri top to \$2500

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BIDDING was very solid on the first 50 head of well presented Prime SAMMs offered by Elders auctioneer Dennis Roberts at the annual Tiarri sale east of Lake Grace last week.

The overall average of the sale of \$1087 was down \$2 on last year, but with a few less buyers present and others which were present not requiring as many rams this year, the end result saw only 81 of the 100 head offered sell, compared to a total clearance of the 100 head offered in each of the last three years.

Even though it was not a total clearance this year, Tiarri principals Ross and Pauline Taylor and their daughter, Kelly-Anne Gooch, were pleased with the sale which saw two first-time buyers to the stud having an influence on the overall result.

But it was second year buyer to the stud Kelvin Kent, Bodallin, who along with others, bid on the top rams and went on to pay the top price of \$2500, which was up \$900 on last year's top price.

Mr Kent and his wife Lara farm with Kelvin's parents, trading as GA, MJ & KR Kent, and introduced Prime SAMMs to their breeding flock of about 2300 ewes six years ago and are breeding up to purebred commercial basis.

Well pleased with the 11 head purchased from Tiarri last year, Mr Kent was looking for well-muscled rams with good wool figures.

Bidding through Elders Esperance agent Michael Forward, Mr Kent went home with three of the top rams, the one with the \$2500 price tag having figures of 45mm EMD, 6mm fat, 22.8 micron and 99.3 per cent comfort factor.

The losing bidders on that ram were the Springfield Farms connections of Newdegate, Beau Waddell



□ Holding the top-priced Tiarri Prime SAMM ram, which sold for \$2500, is Elders stud stock manager Tim Spicer (left), Tiarri stud assistant Zoe Cameron, Elders Esperance agent Michael Forward, with his buyer Kelvin Kent, Bodallin, Tiarri's Kelly-Anne Gooch and her son Bryce Carruthers and Elders Lake Grace agent and sale co-ordinator Graeme Taylor.

and his daughter Sonia and her partner Russell Harding, who went home with six head up to \$2100.

Of the two first-time buyers to Tiarri, both had strong connections to both the stud and the family.

Also from Newdegate, Ian Walker, IF & KM Walker, has the connection of having sold his Kindelka Prime SAMM stud to Ross and Pauline and Kelly-Anne four years ago.

Now running a purebred commercial flock, Mr Walker came to Tiarri and to the breeding he knows, purchasing five young sires up to \$2400, with the losing bidder on this ram being Kelvin Kent.

The other first-time buyer, Rob Dall's connection to Ross Taylor goes back to the years when the pair played football together.

Mr Dall played for Kulin and following the sale there was quite a bit of chatter about the old footy days.

Trading as RA & SJ Dall, Tarin Rock, Rob and his son-in-law, Rob O'Brien, were the volume buyers on the day taking home 11 head up to \$1400.

They have been using Prime SAMMs for the last five years and are breeding up to an F1 ewe base.

One of the many return buyers was Vance Nicholls, MJ & PA Nicholls, Lake King, who this year increased his buying to nine head at up to \$1800.

Also paying up to \$1800 in a total purchase of five head was Matt Lloyd, Tim Lloyd & Co, Newdegate.

With some clients not requiring rams this year, buyer registrations were down to 22, but bar two, all purchased rams from the sale.

Commenting on the result, Ross Taylor and his daughter Kelly-Anne said they were pleased with the result and support from both regular and new buyers and were well

## SALE SUMMARY

Offered: 100  
Sold: 81  
Top: \$2500  
Gross: \$88,050  
Average: \$1087

aware that the last couple of tough years throughout the regions, had emptied the pockets somewhat.

They are hopeful that what presently appears to be a good season continues for all farming families.

Speaking on behalf of Elders, Dennis Roberts said it was again a top line-up of quality young rams with a good number still showing only lamb's teeth.

"The slightly lower clearance than normal is obviously a result of the reduction in sheep numbers or just rams required due to the seasonal conditions in recent years in the eastern Wheatbelt," he said.