

## Generosity sees \$1700 Tiarri ram

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IT was the last of the 100 Prime SAMM rams offered which topped the second annual on-property Tiarri sale east of Lake Grace last week.

And the \$1700 proceeds from the ram were promptly donated by Tiarri principals Ross and Pauline Taylor and their daughter Kelly-Anne Gooch to the Cardiac Transplant Unit at Royal Perth Hospital in memory of Joshua Joyce, Kukerin, who recently lost his fight for life.

The \$1700 was paid by Sonia Waddell and her partner Russell Harding, Springfield Farms, Newdegate, the losing bidder being Thomas Lynch, Hyden.

The figures posted for this ram were 100kg bodyweight, an eye muscle of 45, fat 4, 21.4 micron and 98.9pc CF.

Earlier Sonia and her father Beau Waddell went to \$1600 to purchase the equal second top-priced ram, again the losing bidder being Thomas Lynch.

This ram's figures were bodyweight 104.5kg, EMD also 45, fat 5, 21.7 micron and 98.7 CF.

All up the Waddells bought seven rams from the sale, one more than they purchased last year when they also paid equal top price at \$1550.

This is the third year they have bought from the Tiarri stud while enjoying success with the first-cross progeny out of Merino ewes which have seen them twice snare WAMMCO Producer of the Month titles. And coincidentally, it was the other buyer of the equal top-priced ram at last year's sale, who was again the equal second top-priced buyer this year.

Norm Scadding, Kulin, who farms with his wife Margaret and son Sean, went to \$1600 to secure one of the heaviest rams in the shed which weighed in at 119 kg with a 40 EMD, fat 7, 20.7 micron and 99.3pc CF.

Mr Scadding had earlier paid

### sale summary

Offered: 100  
Sold: 100  
Top: \$1700  
Gross: \$110,300  
Average: \$1103

\$1500 for another ram and has been pleased with the results of the Prime SAMM progeny, increasing his joining this coming season to 1400 head.

The losing bidder on the ram was Matthew Lloyd, Tim Lloyd and Co Newdegate, who went home with six head up to \$1550 and although Thomas Lynch was losing bidder on two of the top-priced rams, he did go home to Hyden with five rams on board, up to \$1200.

Of the 28 potential buyers who registered for the sale, 25 were successful and of these, three were first-time buyers to the stud — two of them travelling down together and near neighbours on the Tin Horse Highway east of Kulin and they were the volume buyers on the day.

Trading as SD & MT & MS Lucchesi, Michael Lucchesi said his family currently joins 4700 ewes including purebred Dorpers.

At the sale he purchased nine Prime SAMMs at an average of just over \$1000 and then later another five from the private selections available.

These rams will be used over straight Merino and F1 Prime SAMM-Merino ewes with the intention to breed up to purebred status.

His travelling companion, Jay Robertson, CJ & EJ Robertson & Sons, bought eight rams from the sale at up to \$1300 and a further four privately.

The family runs a self-replacing Merino flock as well as an F1 Prime SAMM flock and the Prime SAMM rams purchased will be put over the F1 ewes as well as CFA Merino ewes breeding up to an F1 flock



□ With the Tiarri Prime SAMM ram which topped the sale at \$1700 with the proceeds being donated to the Cardiac Transplant Unit at Royal Perth Hospital, were Tiarri co-studmaster Kelly-Anne Gooch (left), buyers Sonia Waddell and Russell Harding, Springfield Farms, Newdegate and Elders Lake Grace manager Karel Walker.

which will be joined to Dorpers for either slaughter or live shipment depending on the values of these two markets at the time.

Also taking seven rams home were John and Greg Dunkeld, Newdegate and another seven were bought by Greg Brockway, bidding on behalf of MW & LA Pearce, Lake Grace.

Buying support was local although there were a couple of "outsiders" obviously interested to see the sale but not going home with any rams.

With her father Ross busily loading out rams, Kelly-Anne said it was a pleasing result overall.

"Considering the number of ewes which have gone out of the State since last year's sale and the farming conditions of the last 12 months, we are pleasantly surprised with the

result," she said.

"Our clients have commented how pleased they were the way their Prime SAMM cross progeny went through the 12 months leading up to this year's break.

"This proves that Prime SAMM cross ewes can handle the tough conditions when necessary and produce a lamb as well."

Elders auctioneer Dennis Roberts said the quality was excellent and even as reflected in the values throughout.

"The 100 head averaged out at \$1103, up by \$48 on last year when 102 head were offered and sold," he said.

"It is great to see so many farmers in the eastern Wheatbelt staying with sheep and buying top rams and benefiting from the resultant prices for quality progeny."