

Waratah White Suffolks 2017 Sale Report

“A fantastic sale” was the comment by stud principals Steve and Debbie Milne after their annual sale at Waratah White Suffolks Branxholme, on Monday 9th October. The ram sale topped at \$12000, an on property record, with an overall ram sale average of \$1547. Seven rams sold to studs in Victoria and South Australia with a top of \$12000 and an average of \$4000.

Waratah 160256, Lot 3 sold for \$12000 to Anthony Hurst from “Seriston White Suffolks”, Lucindale SA (see video below on Waratah White Suffolks facebook page). He is a son of Waratah 150055 (sold to Shane and Jodie Foster “Boonaroo” in the 2016 sale). He is a long well put together ram with excellent figures, positive for fat, plenty of muscle and a Carcase + index of 219. This ram was used at Waratah as a ram lamb and a semen interest is retained by Waratah.

Brett Shepherd “Mullinger Park”, Naracoorte SA purchased Lot 13 for \$3400. He is a triplet son of Waratah 150110 with excellent conformation, muscling and growth. Nathan Robinson “Linwood Grange” Moyston, purchased Lot 7 for \$3100. This ram is by the Waratah 150143 sire and has great growth and muscle.

Rod Marshall from Pomonal, a long time repeat buyer at Waratah and losing bidder on Lot 3, purchased 3 rams for an average of \$2133. Ian and Sue Carr “Castle Camps” Keith SA, purchased Lot 10 for \$2600 and 5 ewes. Lot 10 is a well-muscled, early maturing son of Farrer 140188.

Ashley Simons “Pembroke”, Telangatuk East purchased Lot 5 for \$2400. He is a high growth and muscle, positive fat son of Waratah 150118. A son of Farrer 140137 went to Anthony Smith “Belladonna” at Brimpaen for \$2300. Another son of Waratah 150055 went to repeat buyer Barry Hobson “Banjanda”, Ballarat for \$2200.

Repeat prime lamb producers included, Kanawalla Pastoral Co Hamilton 15 rams, Salamanca Pastoral Co Hotspur 8 rams, J & J Forsyth Cavendish 7 rams, DPI Hamilton 7 rams, Cole Grazing Trust Camperdown 6 rams, Langowan Estate Branxholme 5 rams, Kealy family Edenhope 5 rams and Alan Dyke Merino 4 rams.

The stud ewes sold well with 27 of 30 ewes selling for a top of \$600 with an average of \$354. Repeat ewe purchaser Tim Holmes Merino secured 4 ewes and Andrew McLean “Hopelock” Patchewollock purchased 5 ewes as did Ian and Sue Carr “Castle Camps” Keith SA.

Selling agents were LMB Linke Livestock, Hamilton.