

Bannaby to \$8000 on debut



LEFT: The \$8000 top price bull at the Bannaby Angus bull sale, Bannaby Solution E4, bought by "Kippilaw", Goulburn. Pictured is "Kippilaw" manager, Roger Robertson; "Kippilaw" owner, Lee Macarthur-Onslow; selling agents, Steve Ridley, Elders Goulburn, and Marcus Schembri, Landmark Bathurst, and Bannaby stud principal, Keith Kerridge.

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A HEAVY investment in elite genetics paid off for Keith and Maureen Kerridge at their inaugural Bannaby Angus stud on-property bull sale at Taralga on Saturday.

Bulls sold to a top price of \$8000, with a 100 per cent clearance of the 38 offered, for an average price of \$4895.

The \$8000 sale topper, Bannaby Solution E4, was a son of US sire, GAR Solution, and from Lawsons New Design Z1003, and displayed outstanding Breedplan figures, with 400- and 600-day weight, mature cow weight, carcass weight, eye muscle area (EMA)

and intramuscular fat (IMF) estimated breeding values (EBVs) as well as all indexes in the top 10pc of the breed.

The 25-month-old bull weighed 868 kilograms, and was knocked down to Lee Macarthur-Onslow, who will use the bull on his property, "Kippilaw", at Goulburn, joining it to selected Hazeldean-blood Angus cows to breed bulls for use over his 2000 breeders on a number of properties.

"We selected the bull for his great figures and the way he looked," Mr Macarthur-Onslow said.

Mr Macarthur-Onslow also selected a son of Leachman Boomtime for \$5000, to average \$6500 for his two purchases.

The second-top priced bull,

Bannaby Bradman E10, was bought by RTR Rural, Mummel, for \$7000.

This 870kg bull, a son of Te Mania Bradman B49 and out of Te Mania Barunah X584, also had strong figures, with gestation length, 200-, 400- and 600-day weight, carcass weight, EMA and IMF EBVs as well as all indexes in the top 10pc of the breed.

RTR Rural also paid \$6500 for a son of Te Mania Yorkshire Y437 to average \$6750 for its two purchases.

Krawarree Pastoral Company, "Krawarree", Braidwood, paid to a top of \$6750 for a son of Hyline Right Time 338, averaging \$4625 for two, while G.J. and G.M Salmon, "Ambleside", Oberon, purchased an 850kg son of GAR Solution for \$6500.

Jim Renshaw, manager of Bundarbo Station at Jugiong, provided volume support, purchasing a draft of 12 bulls to a top of \$6500 and average of \$5000, for use in the 1200-breeder herd on the property.

Mount Rae, Taralga, through Landmark Goulburn, was also a volume buyer, taking three bulls at \$5000 each.

Stud principal, Keith Kerridge, said it was a great result for their first sale.

"It was fantastic to clear all the bulls, and it sets us up well for future years," he said.

The sale was conducted by Elders Goulburn and Landmark Bathurst, with Elders' Steve Ridley calling the bids.