

## Second Bannaby sale averages \$4200

CATTLE producers found quality bulls at value-for-money prices at the Bannaby Angus bull sale, held at Taralga last Saturday.

Vendors Keith and Maureen Kerridge offered 40 bulls, with 35 selling at auction to a top of \$8500 and average of \$4200.

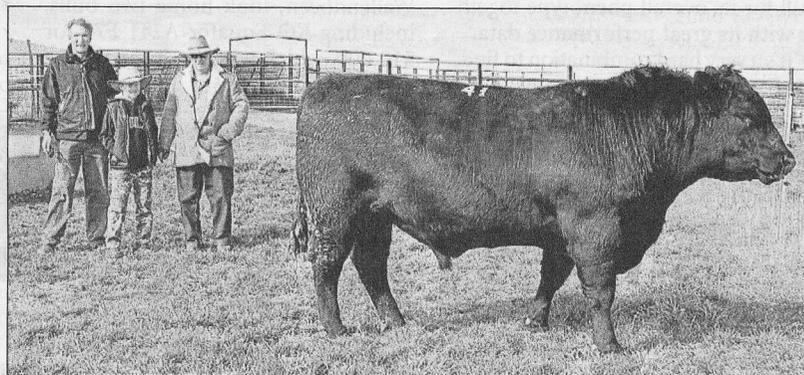
Ed and Jill Hundy and their son Andrew, "Windradeen", Pyramul, took home the top-priced bull, Bannaby Equator F106 for \$8500.

The 23-month-old, 850-kilogram bull had been purchased by the Kerridges in-utero from Millah Murrah Angus, and was by the \$20,000 Millah Murrah Equator D78 and from Millah Murrah Abigail A63.

Equator F106 possessed some excellent estimated breeding values (EBVs), with 400- and 600-day weight, mature cow weight and carcass weight, along with the heavy grass fed and terminal indexes, all in the top one per cent of the breed.

The second-top price was \$7000, which was bid by John Lang, "Weona", Golspie, for Bannaby Unlimited F215, a son of Vermont Dreamline B107.

This 22-month-old, 834kg bull had a 200-day weight EBV in the top 5pc of the



Keith Kerridge, Bannaby Angus, Taralga, with Ed Hundy and his grandson Gus (centre), "Windradeen", Pyramul, and the \$8500 top-priced bull, Bannaby Equator F106.

breed, as well as 400- and 600-day weight and mature cow weight in the top 10pc.

Ian Stephenson, manager of Roslyn-based property "Rosslyn" for the Hannon family's Wicklow Properties, supported the sale strongly, taking home five bulls to a top of \$6500 and an average of \$4700.

Mr Stephenson also selected lot three, Bannaby Equator F144, from which the Kerridges donated the proceeds to the Black Dog Institute, for \$5000.

The sale's volume buyers were the McDonald family, "Stonewall", Lidster, who loaded up five bulls for an average of \$3200.

After the sale, Mr Kerridge said he was pleased with the outcome of the sale.

"For our second sale, we were pretty happy with the result," he said.

The sale was conducted by Landmark and Elders, with Andrew Wishart on the auctioneer's rostrum.

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