

Records set at WA Charolais Bull Sale

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A NEW \$23,000 State record auction top price and the highest average for the sale were major highlights in an otherwise sale of mixed results at the seventh annual WA Charolais Bull Sale at Brunswick last week.

It was certainly a sale of two extremes with some vendors experiencing real highs, while others found the going a little tougher when it came to clearance.

The first half of the sale was solid with multiple buyers operating on many of the bulls but as the sale proceeded and buyers began to fill orders, it became tough going for the selling team.

When the final hammer of Elders auctioneer Don Morgan fell, 20 of the 32 bulls (63 per cent) had been sold under the hammer at an average of \$6663, which is now the best recorded in the sale's seven year history.

The averaged jumped \$1022 on last year's result when vendors sold 23 from 39 bulls (59pc) offered at an average of \$5641.

Both Elders auctioneer Don Morgan and Landmark South West livestock manager Michael Rose agreed it was a good line-up of bulls and the final result was not due to the quality of the offering, but a lack of buying support.

Mr Morgan said the top end of the sale was extremely strong which resulted in the average being up on last year.

"The bulls with good muscling and softness sold well and then if they were backed up by better figures,



□ A new WA record top sale price for a Charolais bull was set at the seventh annual WA Charolais Bull Sale at Brunswick last week when a Liberty bull sold for \$23,000 to Central Stockcare. With the polled red factor bull Liberty Major General M38 were Kevin Yost (left), Liberty stud, Toodyay, Elders auctioneer Don Morgan, buyer Dean Ryan, Central Stockcare, Bullsbrook, Dean Taafe, Landmark Donnybrook, Morgan and Robin Yost, Liberty stud and the sale's top-priced bull sponsor Jarvis Polglaze, Zoetis South West.

buyers certainly chased them," Mr Morgan said.

"While the bulls that sold, sold well, the clearance was disappointing and I did think presale it would be a little stronger than it was."

Mr Rose said buyers were very selective and prepared to pay good money for the top bulls they really wanted.

"There was good competition on the top bulls with a number of bidders operating on them," Mr Rose said.

"However while the top end of the market was good and we saw a few bulls sell extremely well overall, the clearance was disappointing and this was not a reflection of the quality of the offering rather a lack of buying support.

"The bulls presented in great condition."

With strong interest from a number of buyers on the second bull to enter the ring from the Yost family's Liberty stud, Toodyay, it didn't take long for the \$23,000 record to be set.

When the 1040kg Liberty Major General M38 (P) (AI) (R/F) entered the ring in lot two, Mr Morgan called for \$20,000 but buyers failed to bite.

Mr Morgan eventually took an opening bid on the polled, red factor at \$14,000 and when he did a flurry of other bids were directed his way.

With a number of prospective buyers bidding on the upstanding sire, the price quickly rose and surpassed the \$20,000 mark.

In the end it was return Liberty buyer of 15 years Dean Ryan, Central Stockcare, Bullsbrook, who had the final bid at \$23,000 on the bull which was sashed the junior interbreed champion bull at the 2017 IGA Perth Royal Show.

Mr Ryan, who with his wife Kate, also runs Minnie Creek

station, north Gascoyne Junction, said Major General was an exceptional bull.

"He has a great head, good feet, a massive butt and plenty of length," Mr Ryan said.

"He is also ranked fourth in Australia on his figures.

"I came with the intention of buying him and I knew I would have to pay for him.

"He is a real herd improver."

Mr Ryan was also attracted to the bull's red factor because of the way he intends to use Major General.

"I will use him over Droughtmaster and Santa Gertrudis commercial cows both naturally and in an AI program at our Badgingarra property to breed bulls to use at the station and calves for the supermarket trade," Mr Ryan said.

"The bulls we breed will be used over Droughtmaster and Santa Gertrudis cows on the station to produce calves which we background at Badgingarra before going through the feedlot at Gingin and sold to various markets while the calves from Badgingarra are weaned

straight into the feedlot at Gingin before being sold into the supermarket trade as milk-tooths with a 260kg dressed weight."

The Ryans diversified to using Charolais genetics in their herds following the suspension of the live export trade in 2011 giving them more options when it came to marketing their cattle.

Mr Ryan said the Charolais breed gave them good weight in their calves and also produced a flat back animal which was suitable for the local market.

Not only was the son of Rangan Park Redemption E42 easy on the eye with its structure, softness and length, it also had the EBVs and scan figures to match.

For its EBVs it is in the top one per cent of the breed for 200, 400 and 600-day weights (+25, +62 and +71) plus carcass weight (+45), top 5pc IMF (+0.9) and top 10pc milk (+12).

Its scan data showed numbers of 9mm for P8 and rib fat, 136cm² EMA and 4.9 IMF.

The next best price in the Liberty team was \$9750 and this was the third top price in the sale.

Achieving the price for the stud was Liberty MarsBar M44 (P) (R/F) when it was knocked down to the losing bidder on the day's two top-priced lots Trevor Kanny, Bonegilla Grazing, Walkaway.

Mr Kanny said while he was losing bidder on the two top-priced bulls beforehand, he was still very happy with his purchase of MarsBar.

"He is a nice, stretchy bull with good bone and conformation," Mr Kanny said.

Marsbar, will go into the operation's sire battery to cover the 260 Angus-Santa Gertrudis cross breeders.

While a few of the Charolais infused heifers are retained for breeding, the majority of the March to May-drop calves are weaned into the family's own feedlot in December and fed for 80 to 90 days before being sold direct to processors at 500 to 530kg.

MarsBar was a late March



□ With Venturon Motivate M8, the sales \$16,000 second top-priced bull, were Harris, Anne and Andrew Thompson, Venturon Charolais stud, Boyup Brook, Landmark Boyup Brook-Bridgetown agent Jamie Abbs, buyers Barry and Dot Bell, Bardoo Charolais stud, Elgin and Elders stud stock manager Tim Spicer.

2016-drop polled red factor son of Liberty Just Ramblin Along and out of a Liberty Below Zero daughter.

The 876kg bull (November 27) scanned 7mm for rib and rump fats, 128cm² EMA and 4.6pc IMF and recorded +20, +42 and +56 to rank in the breed's top 5pc for all weight intervals, top 10pc for mature cow weight (MCW) (+55), carcass weight (CW) (+29) and IMF (+0.7).

Return Liberty buyers Kim and Kerrie Dunnet & Co, Nannup, were again good supporters of the stud purchasing two bulls at \$6250 and \$4000.

They bid \$6250 for a son of Liberty Just Ramblin Along, Liberty Masterpiece M61 (P), which had figures of +20 and +60 for 200 and 600-day weight (top 5pc) and +36 400-day weight (top 10pc).

Kaloorup producers TG & VE Wrigglesworth also bid strongly on the Liberty bulls securing two at \$6250 and \$4000.

The Wrigglesworths bid to \$6250 for the 910kg Liberty Maui Jim M63 (P) which was a son of Liberty Just Ramblin Along with growth EBVs of +17, +33 and +60 for 200, 400 and 600-day weight.

By the end of the sale the Liberty stud had cleared eight bulls from its offering of 11 at



□ Landmark south west livestock manager Michael Rose (left), buyer Trevor Kanny, Bonegilla Grazing, Walkaway, Jess Yost, Liberty stud, Toodyay and Elders livestock sales manager WA Tom Marron with Liberty MarsBar M44 that sold for the sale's \$9750 third top price.

an average of \$7750.

The second top price in the sale was set at \$16,000 when fellow Charolais stud breeders Barry and Dot Bell, Bardoo stud, Elgin, were the final bidders standing on the 1016kg Venturon Motivate M8 (AI) (P) offered by the Thompson family's Venturon stud, Boyup Brook.

Mr Bell said Motivate was a very structurally correct sire and they were drawn to Motivate because it was homozygous polled.

"We have been going down the polled path for a few years and you get there quicker if

you use homozygous polled bulls," Mr Bell said.

"He is an exceptionally long bull and is showing good muscle structure without being overfed."

The Bells will not be the only Charolais stud using Motivate in their next breeding program as they have already sold semen to the Palgrove stud, Queensland.

Motivate is sired by a Charolais breed legend, Winn Mans Lanza 610S and had scan figures of 8mm for P8 and rib fat, 136cm² EMA and 6.2 IMF.

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7TH ANNUAL WA CHAROLAIS SALE

(Under the hammer results)

	offered	sold	top	gross	average
Liberty	11	8	\$23,000	\$62,000	\$7750
Kooyong	7	7	\$8500	\$37,250	\$5321
Venturon	6	2	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$10,000
Downunder	2	1	\$6000	\$6000	\$6000
Bellevue	4	2	\$4000 (2)	\$8000	\$4000
Wundam Glen	2	-	-	-	-
Total	32	20	\$23,000	\$133,250	\$6663

Liberty tops Charolais sale at \$9500

By **KANE CHATFIELD**

THE eventual complete clearance of a top catalogue of high-performing Charolais bulls capped off a successful result for vendors at the eighth annual WA Charolais Bull Sale at Brunswick last week.

With clearances becoming an issue at some multi-vendor sales this season, to pass only two bulls in at auction and achieve solid values put smiles on the Charolais breeders' faces.

An extensive registration of buyers for the amount of bulls offered laid the foundations for a strong result.

Buyers competed strongly on the quality catalogue of 25 bulls from four vendors through to the end of the sale and the Elders network cleared 23 of the 25 bulls (92 per cent) under the hammer to average \$6033.

It wasn't long after the sale had finished before the two overlooked bulls were snapped up.

The sale's overall average dropped \$630 compared to last year's sale, but three extra bulls sold from a reduced offering to improve the gross returns by \$5500 to \$138,750.

Last year 20 of 32 bulls (63pc) sold at auction to average \$6663 and gross \$133,250.

Liberty National Treasure N52 (AI) (P) was touted pre-sale as one of the sale's star lots and lived up to expectation when it was knocked down for the sale's \$9500 top price to 16-year Liberty clients the Ryan family, Central Stockcare, Bullsbrook.



Charolais bull values topped at \$9500 at the eighth annual WA Charolais Bull Sale at Brunswick last week. With the sale's top-priced red factor bull Liberty National Treasure N52 (AI) (P) were Elders auctioneer Don Morgan(left), buyer Katie Ryan, Central Stockcare, Bullsbrook and Robin and Morgan Yost, Liberty Charolais stud, Toodyay.

Penned in lot two, the polled red factor early April 2017 born bull was the first to be offered in WA by AI sire Silverstream Geddes G102.

It was out of a Rangan Park Redemption E42 daughter Liberty Heat Wave H66 and with strong performance EBVs and indexes and positive fats, the bull was also the highest ranked Geddes son to be offered in Australia.

It ranked in the breed's top one per cent for 400 and 600-day weights, carcass (CW) and mature cow weights (MCW), top 10pc 200-day weight, top 15pc eye muscle area (EMA) and all indexes in the top 5-20pc.

The 1000 kilogram bull was judged the interbreed junior champion bull at the 2018 IGA Perth Royal Show and scanned 7mm P8 fat,

6mm rib fat, 139cm² EMA and 4.2 IMF.

Katie Ryan who farms with her husband Dean, said they were specifically looking for a top red factor bull.

"He fits what we were looking for in breeding cattle for both the domestic market and to sire herd bulls for the pastoral operation," Ms Ryan said.

The bull will be used over commercial Droughtmaster cows at Badgingarra to breed working bulls to use over Droughtmaster and Santa Gertrudis cows at Minnie Creek station at North Gascoyne Junction.

Calves from the station are backgrounded at Badgingarra before going through the feedlot at Gingin and sold to various markets, while sale calves bred at Badgingarra are weaned straight into the feedlot at Gingin before being sold into the supermarket trade.

The Ryans diversified to using Charolais genetics in their herds following the suspension of the live export trade in 2011, giving them more options when it came to

marketing their cattle.

The Yost family's Liberty stud, Toodyay, sold all nine bulls to average \$6528, back \$1222 on average compared to last year's sale where eight of 11 bulls sold to the new State record price of \$23,000 and averaged \$7750.

The stud's next highest price of \$7500 was paid on two occasions.

First to pay for one of two Liberty bulls was Elders livestock sales manager Tom Marron, representing PM & CJ Wishart, Bremer Bay, collecting Liberty Nemo N37 in lot 20.

The 812kg late March 2017 born low birthweight bull (top 10pc) was by an LT Easy Blend son Liberty Left Bank L6 and another Redemption E42 daughter and had been used over heifers at Liberty.

Wheatbelt beef producers Couper Brothers, Dowerin, paid \$7500 for Liberty Never Land N107 in lot 26.

The younger 710kg late October 2017 born bull was by popular Liberty sire Just

8TH ANNUAL WA CHAROLAIS BULL SALE
(Under the hammer results)

Stud	offered	sold	top	gross	average
Liberty	9	9	\$9500	\$58,750	\$6528
Kooyong	11	9	\$7500	\$50,750	\$5639
Venturon	3	3	\$8250	\$20,250	\$6750
Eagles Tor	2	2	\$5000	\$9000	\$4500
Total	25	23	\$9500	\$138,750	\$6033

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Ramblin Along J35 and out of a Liberty Formidabull F19 daughter.

Two Liberty bulls sold for \$7000, the first heading to the Campbell family's Cooara Charolais stud, Keysbrook and the other heading north to Gabyon Pastoral Company, Dongara.

The sale's \$8250 second top price honours went to the Thompson family's Venturon stud, Boyup Brook, for their first bull into the ring Venturon New Design N7.

The 1016kg mid-February 2017 born homozygous polled son of Kooyong Kirwan and homebred cow Venturon Hayley H1 was judged the champion Charolais bull at the 2018 Adelaide Royal Show.

It scanned 12mm rib and rump fats, 141cm² EMA and 6.9 IMF to complement a top set of figures including placing in the top 5-10pc for all growth traits with positive fats.

The bull was purchased by first-time Venturon Charolais bull buyer Neil Bruce, D Bruce & Son, Waroona.

Mr Bruce said the bull would be used with Simmental bulls over their Simmental and Murray Grey cross cows to produce weaned calves for the feeder market.

The Bruce's February to March-drop calves are weaned in November to



□ With Venturon New Design N7 (P) that sold for the \$8250 second top price at the WA Charolais Sale were Harris Thompson (left), Venturon Charolais stud, Boyup Brook, buyer Neil Bruce, D Bruce & Son, Waroona and his agent Michael Longford, Elders Waroona, Ann Thompson, Venturon stud, Deane Allen, Elders Donnybrook and Pearce Watling, Elders Bunbury.

December and sold soon after, lately direct off-farm to lotfeeders.

"He is not quite the traditional Charolais, he has a bit more length and height," Mr Bruce said.

"It's a softer bull with good fat cover which is important when going over Euro cross cows."

Jim Quilty, Elgin Park Charolais stud, Elgin, paid the sale's \$8000 third top price for a new Venturon sire in the following pen, Venturon National Treasure N35.

The late March 2017 born polled bull is the first son of Venturon's exclusively owned AI sire Sparrows Kingston 139Y to be offered in Australia.

The 934kg bull scanned 11mm P8 and 8mm rib fats, 132cm² EMA and 5.7pc IMF and for a lower birthweight bull (top 25pc) displayed decent growth and carcass figures and indexes in the top 25-35pc.

Mr Quilty said they needed some fresh genetics for their herd and their first Venturon sire purchase was a complete outcross bloodline not only for their stud, but the country.

"He has good feet, small head, smooth shoulders and low birthweight, ideal for heifers," he said.

"He's not an overly big bull which I prefer anyway, with early maturity, positive fats and an even spread of figures.

"We have a lot of heifers by Elgin Park Kenworth coming through and this bull should complement them very well."

The sale's largest vendor was the Ellis family's Kooyong Charolais stud, Coolup.

They offered 11 bulls with nine selling at auction to average \$5639, up \$318 on average compared to last year's sale where a complete clearance of seven bulls averaged \$5321.

The other two bulls sold soon after the end of the sale.

Well-known Charolais producers Kim and Kerrie Dunnet, OM Dunnet & Co, Nannup, paid the stud's \$7500 top price for Kooyong Ned Kelly N17.

The homozygous polled red factor bull was AI bred by EC Forefront 8066 and a Palgrove Zealous Z129 daughter.

Born mid-March 2017, the 920kg bull scanned 8mm rib and rump fats, 134cm² EMA and 4.3pc IMF and displayed strong index values in the breed's top 20-25pc, positive fats, top 5pc scrotal, Calving Ease Dir (CE Dir) and gestation length (GL) from a low birthweight (top 10pc).

Mr Dunnet, who also collected another red factor Kooyong bull at the sale, said the body of the top bull spoke for itself.

"In my opinion it had the best feet in the yarding and it's got the frame with the right amount of softness," he said.

"At times it can be a battle for bulls to have the right amount of fat cover and softness.

"Others disagree but for whatever reason we have found the red factor bulls maintain their softness when they go back into the paddock and this flows into their progeny.

"When targeting the milk-fed veal market with Charolais-sired calves out of first cross cows, we are not weaning or feeding, so we need extra thump in the bulls to pack as much weight into them at 10 months of age.

"I'm confident the two bulls we purchased today will do just that."



□ Harris Thompson (left), Venturon Charolais stud, Boyup Brook, buyer Jim Quilty, Elgin Park Charolais stud, Elgin and Tim Spicer, Elders stud stock manager, with Venturon National Treasure N35 (AI) (P) that sold to the Elgin Park stud for the sale's \$8000 third top price.



With the \$7500 top-priced Kooyong bull Ned Kelly N17 (AI) (P) were Kooyong stud principal David Ellis (left), Coolup, Josh Symes, Elders livestock and buyers Kerrie and Kim Dunnet, OM Dunnet & Co, Nannup.

Saddleworth Farms, Geraldton, operated at the top of the market, outlaying \$7250 and \$7000 for their two Kooyong bulls, both mid-March 2017 born AI bred polled bulls by Liberty Just Ramblin Along.

RH Norman & Son, Busselton, paid the next highest price of \$6750 for a polled Kooyong bull, AI bred by Winn Mans Lanza 610S.

Rod Ingram, Eagles Tor Charolais stud, returned to the sale with two bulls.



Eagles Tor Charolais stud principal Rod Ingram, Wokalup and buyer Sally O'Brien, Gabyon Pastoral Company, Dongara, with Eagles Tor Napoleon N7 (P) that sold for \$5000, one of two bulls purchased at the sale by Gabyon Pastoral.

Gabyon Pastoral Company added an Eagles Tor bull Napoleon N7 for \$5000 to their later Liberty purchase.

The 900kg early April 2017 born bull was sired by birthweight trait leader Kooyong Jurien J24 with good

maternal figures in the top 20-25pc for CE Dir, GL and milk and top 15pc for EMA.

Keith Adams, Harvey, secured the following Eagles Tor bull, also a Jurien son, to also go with a later Liberty purchase.

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Brighton Farms 2 bulls

MURRAY GREY

Mighty 3 bulls

Wundam Park 2 bulls

Nangara 5 bulls

CHAROLAIS

Copplestone 20 bulls

Brookside 1 bull

ANGUS

White Valley 1 bull

Jutland Park 3 bulls

Trafalgar 2 bulls

Whipering Pines 7 bulls

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