

Ascot's record breakers

Wedges celebrate \$22,373 Angus avg

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ASCOT principals Jim and Jackie Wedge took their annual sale to another level on Friday after their entire catalogue sold out, and in the process created a new \$22,373 Queensland record Angus average on the back of overwhelming demand for their Paratrooper sons.

Not only did they set a new Queensland benchmark for on-property fixtures, but it is currently the third-highest averaging Angus bull sale in Australia.

Mr Wedge was stunned and humbled by the result which he said was a culmination of great support from existing clients who are really starting to appreciate their breeding programs, combined with plenty of competition from many first-time buyers. In addition, he said there were a number of factors which contributed to the success.

"The strength of the overall market driving higher prices for genetics that will improve profitability," Mr Wedge said.

"Our focused commitment to breeding profitable genetics and the dedication and hard work of the Ascot team to deliver the best possible article."

Overall, 154 head including heifers averaged \$17,555 which included 67 Angus bulls for a \$22,373 average and featured 10 first-crop sons of the game-changing \$160,000 Millah Murrah Paratrooper which averaged a stunning \$37,900 for a sale-topping \$54,000.

Also included in the sale breakdown was 56 Charolais bulls which averaged

\$17,455 for a top of \$47,500 for an overall bull sale average of \$20,134 for 123 bulls - over double their previous sale average.

Demand for the female section was also very strong after 21 Angus heifers averaged \$7905 for a top of \$11,000, and 10 Charolais maidens averaged \$6100 for a top of \$8000. A total of 31 heifers averaged \$7323.

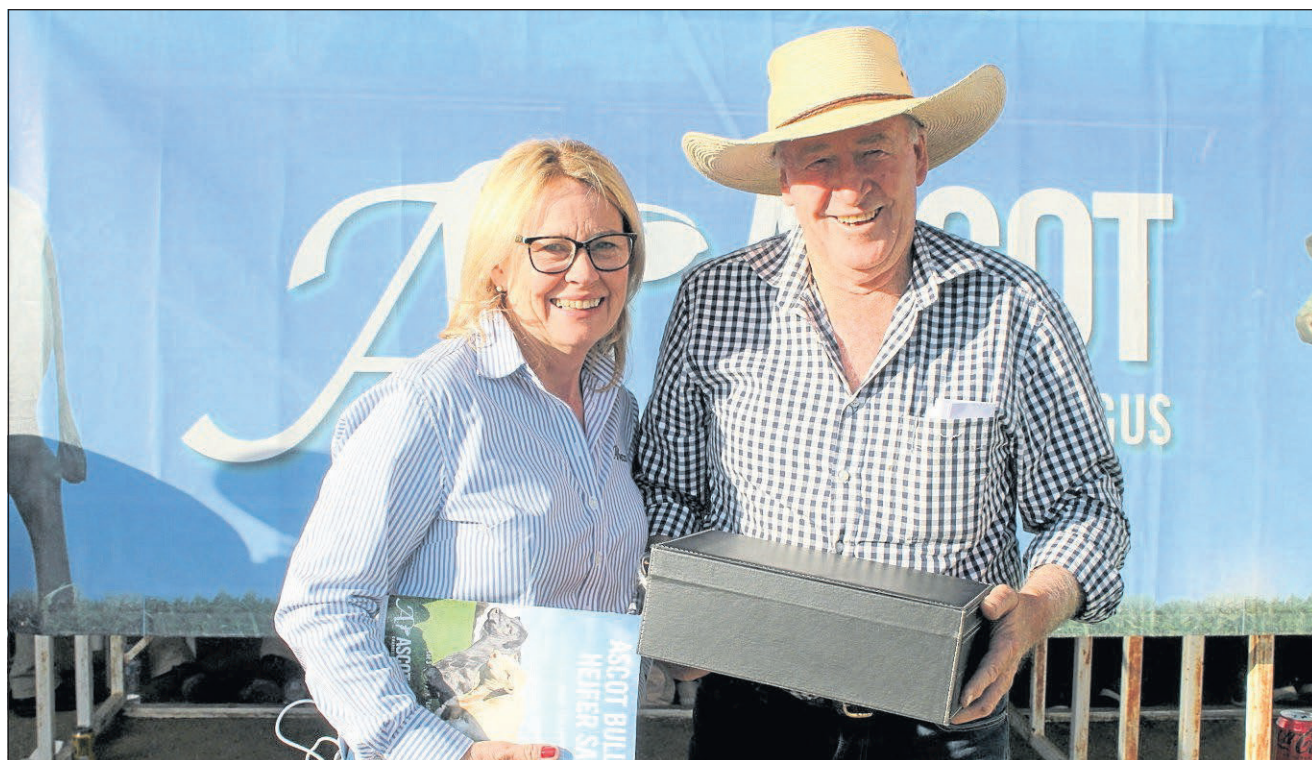
Established client Miles Paterson, Samuel Holdings, Manumbar Station, Goomeri, was a dominant player in the market, not only paying the \$54,000 top money for Ascot Rebellion R316 - the last yearling and MM Paratrooper son in the catalogue - but secured five Angus bulls for a \$31,200 average.

Mr Paterson also bought six quality Charolais bulls - all homozygous polled - for a \$17,667 average and paid up to \$24,000 for Ascot Questacon Q90E (P), a performance-packed son of Paringa Kilo Packer K330 (P) which was backed by top EBV rankings for several indices.

Another regular buyer was Kevin Graham, Kevin Graham Consulting Pty Ltd, Brisbane, who secured the \$47,500 top-priced Charolais bull, Ascot Rockstar R139E (P), a 15-month-old son of Rosedale Lump Sum (P).

Mr Graham was operating on behalf of long-term clients Alister and Joanne McClymont, AJM Pastoral, Burleigh Station, Richmond, for their composite bull breeding program.

"Ascot Rockstar was an outstanding bull with a wonderful set of figures across the board and is a true stud sire," Mr Graham said. "In



Ascot Cattle Company co-principal Jackie Wedge with the buyer of the \$54,000 top-priced Angus bull, Ascot Rebellion R316 and volume buyer, Miles Paterson, Manumbar Station, Goomeri.



Colby Ede, Nutrien, Jackie and Jim Wedge, Ascot Cattle Company, Warwick, and buyer of the \$47,500 top-priced Charolais bull Ascot Rockstar R139E (P), Kevin Graham.



The first Millah Murrah Paratrooper P15 son into the ring, Ascot Revolution R320 sold for \$47,000 to Matt Urban, Urban Angus stud, Wallarobba, NSW.

addition, he has a real sire's head, great bone and tremendous spring of rib with soft fleshing throughout."

AJM Pastoral accounted for four bulls which included two Angus bulls for a \$28,000 average and paid up to \$38,000 for a son of Millah Murrah Paratrooper P15 in Ascot Redeemer R318 and another homozygous polled Charolais bull, Ascot Free Lunch Q66E, at \$14,000.

Mr Graham was accompanying Will Creek, Stanbroke

Pty Ltd, Fort Constantine Station, Cloncurry, who bought five performance-packed Charolais bulls for a \$22,400 average which included Ascot Quill Q81E (P), a moderate framed, extra thick, very correct son of Palgrove Milestone (P) for \$30,000.

Jon, Leny and Peter Gaffney, Graneta Angus, Glenale, Bell, outlaid the \$50,000 second-top money for another of the Paratroopers in Ascot Resource R305 which weighed 748kg at 17 months.

Ascot Resource came with a great set of data with low birth weight, top 5pc for 200, 400 and 600 day and carcase weight and scrotal size (40cms).


First-time buyers Stephen and Jacob Little - who recently registered their Dandaraga Angus stud at Pittsworth - bought Ascot Rita R321, a beautiful daughter of Byergo Black Magic 3348 which was positively tested in-calf to Millah Murrah Paratrooper P15 for the \$11,000 top

female money. The Littles bought four Angus heifers for a \$9000 average.

They also paid \$35,000 for Ascot Revolver R303, a Millah Murrah Paratrooper son out of a full Millah Murrah blood heifer in Ascot Brenda P303.

There was a crowd of 300-plus in attendance, to see the record result.

■ Selling agents: Elders, Colin Say & Co, Nutrien, Mike Wilson Studstock and Bloodstock.



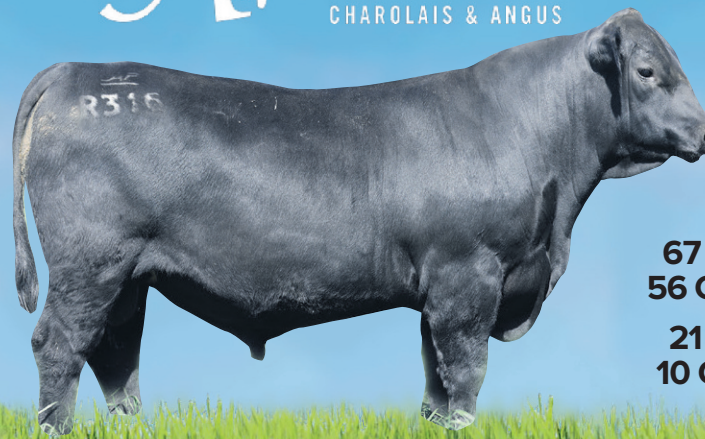
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Ascot Rockstar R139E (P) sold for \$47,500 to Alister and Joanne McClymont, AJM Pastoral, Burleigh Station, Richmond with NZ semen rights to Silverstream Charolais