

Report on the 19th Annual “Anden”, White Suffolk, “Viewdale”, Poll Dorset, and “Kerangie”, Suffolk Sale Held on the property at Woomelang, Thursday 2nd October 2014

SEASONAL CONDITIONS FELT AT ANDEN

An extremely dry winter and virtually no spring have been experienced in the Victorian Mallee where Andrew, Denita & Joel Donnan offered 186 White Suffolk, Poll Dorset and Suffolk rams last Thursday.

Offering sheep with some of the breeds’ best figures and presented in wonderful condition the Donnans welcomed buyers from four states to their 19th annual sale.

Expressing great satisfaction with the result post sale, Andrew Donnan said he was very happy considering the season and the fact that many of his very loyal and regular clients just couldn’t operate. A most pleasing aspect of the sale was the fact that many locals who did purchase secured more than their present requirements as prices were very affordable.

According to local Elders agent, Shane McLoughlan the Anden sheep perform extremely well in the commercial environment. They have enormous weight gains, early maturity and great fecundity. Although it may reflect the season, Shane said he hasn’t got one sucker left in his area & very few shorn lambs still to be sold. After purchasing 25 rams for his clients in the district, he said he’s been able to secure the early heavyweight contracts for clients as a result of the performance levels of the Anden rams.

Results

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
White Suffolk Elite	16 Ave \$2916	19 Ave \$1921
White Suffolk Flock	88 Ave \$858	104 Ave \$842
Poll Dorset Flocks	29 Ave \$640	26 Ave \$1002
Suffolk Rams	7 Ave \$1271	4 Ave \$600
Overall	140 Ave \$1069	153 Ave \$997

Top price of the day was \$7500 for lot 7, an “Elite” White Suffolk. Sired by Pollambi 110451, the leading Lambplan sire for the second year in a row, this son had a Lambplan Carcase Plus index of 221.45. Much admired in the pre-sale inspections the ram met solid competition from three potential purchasers until it was eventually knocked down to Leroy & Rohan Hull, Kattata Well stud, Port Kenny, SA, operating via the Auctions Plus system.

The second top price again proved the worth of the A+ system when lot 19 was knocked down for \$7000 to Lachy & Lou Day and family, Days Whiteface stud at Bordertown, SA.

Sired by Anden 120321, this mid-August dropper had many admirers with four bidders in the action at \$5000. The Days also purchased lot 9, Anden130080, another son of Pollambi 451 for \$4500 earlier in the sale. They were underbidders on the top priced ram, while the Hulls were underbidders on their \$7000 purchase.

Lot 8, tag 130288, also by the Pollambi Sire 110451 generated much pre-sale interest as he carried national top figures on Lambplan for C+ in the latest releases of 237.68, plus a 20-20 figure of 118.32, a Wwt of 13.84 a Pwwt of 21.32, and Pemd of 2.52.

Purchased on the telephone by astute judge Ian Turner, Superior Selections for undisclosed buyers at \$4000, the ram was judged by many to be the bargain of the day. The ram is a proven sire with many high growth lambs already on the ground at Anden.

Woodbank White Suffolks secured Anden 130170 at lot 6 for \$5250, a ram carrying very balanced and high performance figures by the \$21,000 sire, Burwood 110959. Damien Hawker "Omad", Kaniva was pleased to secure the lot 3 ram, Anden 130293Tw for \$3500, especially as he was a late July dropper and also by the Pollambi sire.

Keith Ladyman and JI Clarke from Dumbleyung WA purchased lot 23, Anden 130069 Tw from the top pen of the flock ram section for \$3500 via the phone from the Perth show judging ring. Keith was chasing a ram with rapid growth and early maturity, and with Pwwt figures of 20.33 and a Carcase + index of 221.71 this young sire, again by Pollambi 110451 fitted the bill. Andrew Donnan is retaining some semen from this ram.

The Viewdale Poll Dorset average was back on last year, however three more were sold. Return buyers GD & JM McLean from Berriwillock secured 8 rams at a \$625 average, while M & T McKinnis, buying through Landmark Ararat secured 6 at a \$600 average.

In the Kerangie Suffolk section the highlight came late in the day with lot 180, Kerangie 130534Triplet being purchased by a very patient Judy James for Coolawang Pastoral Co at Mundulla, S.A. for \$3000. Alastair Day, Allendale stud, Bordertown also picked up one of this impressive draft, K130530Tw for \$2800. The Suffolk average and clearance were both well up on last year with George & Helen McKenzie buying through Elders, Ballarat being the purchasers of the most Suffolk rams, taking home 5 at an average of \$620.

Although less Anden White Suffolk flock rams were sold than last year, the average was up. Major buyers included return clients RG & PJ Healy, Mt

Dispersion Station, Mildura, Vic with 12 rams at a \$940 average. Brady Farms, Nyarrin, Vic purchased 8 at a \$644 average. Kerribee Past – Mildura, Vic 7 for \$864 ave.

The sale was conducted by Elders Wycheproof with Ross Milne and Aaron Zwar as auctioneers.



Pictured with their purchase of Anden130170 for \$5250 are David Hutchinson and Leonie Guinane "Woodbank" White Suffolk stud based at Meredith Vic. They are with Joel and Andrew Donnan.



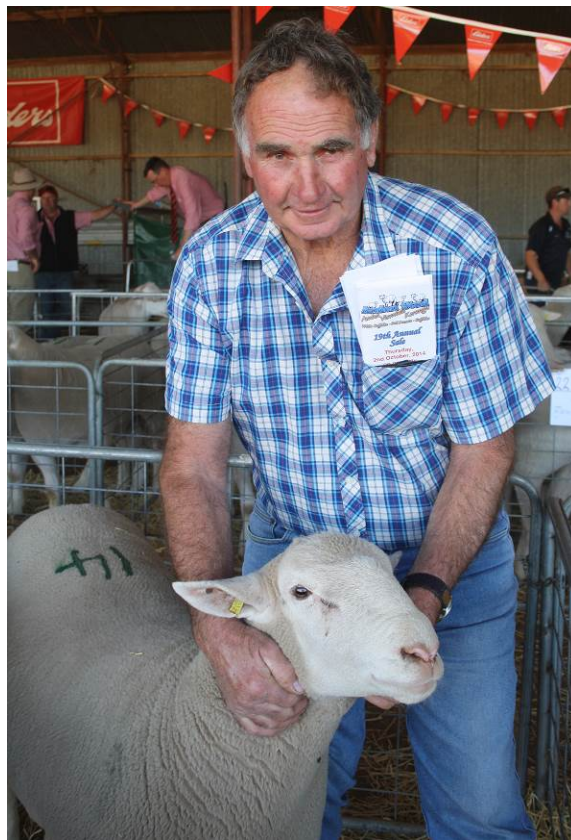
The top priced Kerangie Suffolk ram at \$3000 is pictured with purchaser Judy James, Coolawang Past Co, Mundulla, SA and Kerangie Suffolk principal Andrew Donnan.



Three generations of the Hawker family attended to purchase this ram for Damien Hawker's "Omad" White Suffolks, Kaniva, Vic. With the ram is Joel Donnan, Damien, his father Darryn & grandfather Geoff.



Andrew Donnan & Elders Shane McLoughlan are pictured checking over one of the 25 rams Shane purchased for the various clients in the Birchip area.



Harrold Ferguson from HJ & PD Ferguson at Walpeup, Vic. has been buying Anden Rams for over 25 years and this year secured three rams including this selected sire, lot 11 for \$1300.



Keen to get away – return buyers Aidan and his father James Maynard, Kerribee Station, via Mildura are with Andrew and Joel Donnan, Anden checking off their purchases after loading.