

## Malle quality and resilience prominent at Anden

Despite another season of promise turning sour in the Mallee, the outstanding quality White Suffolks and Poll Dorsets at the Donnan family's Anden sale near Woomelang shone through.

The reputation and performance of the Anden rams keeps regulars coming back, and despite the seasonal downturn, demand was exceptionally strong in comparison with other sales in the area. The result saw a clearance of 98 rams on the day to a top of \$2,200 and at a solid \$703 average.

The Donnans had recently set a new record at the Adelaide Show Elite ram sale when they sold one of their rams for \$28,500; beating their own previous record of \$25,000 set in 2005. Yet despite this high national standing, it was disappointing that only 2 stud breeders Australia wide attended to operate on these outstanding high performance genetics.

Andrew Frick, Gypsum Hill, now situated at Padthaway, purchased one at \$2,200, while G Eason, Ararat purchased another at \$1,500. The balance of the rams sold to astute flock ram buyers. Repeat buyers, Gerard, Daniel and Adrian Curran, Robinvale purchased 8 rams at the top end of the sale including 4 of the studs, paying to \$1,200. They utilise the Anden rams over their 800 to 1,000 Merino ewes.

Landmark Mildura agent, Jim Wilcox, bought strongly throughout the sale. Clients, James and Wendy Maynard were in attendance and accounted for 4 of Jim's 14 purchases, paying to \$1,200. The other 10 were A/c RG & TJ Healy, Mt Dispersion Station; regular Anden clients.

Volume buyer on the day was Andrew Poulton from Balmoral. He purchased 20 rams in total at bargain basement prices, paying to \$500 and averaging \$482.50. Darren Smith, Patchewollack also bought at value, picking up 7 from \$450 to \$500.

AN & N Frank, Donald and buying through Elders Wycheproof purchased 5 to \$600, while RV Overall, through Elders Birchip bought 5 Poll Dorsets to \$500. Luke O'Donnell, Birchip purchased 4 Poll Dorsets to \$550; the top for that section, where all 14 Poll Dorsets found buyers.

### Sale Summary

	White Suffolks	Poll Dorsets	Overall
Offered	131	14	145
Sold	84	14	98
Top	\$2,200	\$550	\$2,200
Ave	\$737	\$500	\$703



*Pictured after the Anden White Suffolk and Poll Dorset ram sale were key participants; Adrian, Daniel and Gerard Curran, Robinvale, who purchased 8 of the top rams in the sale; Anden stud principal, Andrew Donnan, Woomelang; Landmark Mildura agent Jim Wilcox, who bought 10 rams for the Healy family, Mt Dispersion Station, via Mildura, as well as 4 for James and Wendy Maynard (right), Kerribee Station, also via Mildura and Andrew Poulton (3rd from right) Balmoral, who was the volume buyer on the day, purchasing 20 great value rams.*