

Karoo Angus sells to top of \$12,000

A TASMANIAN stud purchased the top-priced bull for \$12,000 at the ninth annual Karoo Angus on-property sale, Meadow Flat near Bathurst, last Thursday.

This was the first time Karoo principals, John and Monica Reen, and Annie Scott, had sold into Tasmania, while they were also pleased with the sale's 97 per cent clearance of 58 bulls which sold for a \$5026 average.

Robert Bulle, Ardrossan Angus, Holbrook, purchased the top-priced bull, two-year-old Karoo 469 Hingai A82, on behalf of Peter and Jennifer Hughes, Cluden Newry stud, Tasmania.

A son of Hingaia 469, the bull had a below average birth-weight estimated breeding value (EBV) and was in the top 10 per cent for 400- and 600-day weight.

Mr Bulle also purchased the equal second-priced bull, Karoo W109 Direction A118, on behalf

of Fred and Janet Bell, "Glenhaven", Guyra, for \$10,000.

The two-year old was one of 23 bulls sired by Ardrossan Direction W109 in the sale, and has an outstanding set of EBVs, including a 600-day weight of +102.

First time buyer, Colin Bannerman, Kywarra Angus stud, Blayney, purchased Karoo W109 Direction A70 for \$10,000.

Karoo W109 Direction A70 was in the top five per cent for milk, scrotal size and 600-day weight and in the top 10pc for eye muscle area and intra-muscular fat.

Mr Bannerman, who is holding his annual sale today, said he was after a bull to breed commercially accepted bulls for his clients.

Bundarbo Station, Jugiong, also purchased four bulls for a top of \$6500 and an average of \$5200.

Repeat buyers, the Evans family, "Martindale", Walgett, also



LEFT: One of the Karoo principals, Annie Scott, with Robert Bulle, Ardrossan Angus, Holbrook, who was representing the buyers of the top-priced bull, Peter and Jennifer Hughes, Cluden Newry stud, Tasmania. The bull, Karoo 469 Hingai A82 (pictured), sold for \$12,000.

purchased three bulls for a top of \$6000 and average of \$4650.

A feature of this year's sale was the mix of buyers from both locally and further afield, with

numerous bulls sold to Victoria.

The sale was conducted by Landmark CTM, with Charlie Maher as the auctioneer.

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