



Tony, Annie and Riley Scott, Karoo Angus stud, Meadow Flat, are pictured with volume buyers, Peter and Chris Stonestreet, "Fern Side", Barry, and some of the bulls purchased by the father and son team.

# Quality Karoo bulls to \$8000

**T**HE Reen and Scott families of Karoo Angus stud sold bulls to \$8000, attracting stud and commercial cattle producers from three States, at Meadow Flat last Thursday.

In all, 41 repeat and new buyers cleared 53 Angus bulls in the 93 per cent clearance to average \$4222.

The sale highlight was the quality line-up of bulls by Karoo stud sire, Ardrossan Direction W109.

The progeny of W109 caught the eye of Dennis and Denise Quinn, "Voewood", Calliope, Queensland, who purchased four sons, including the \$8000 top-priced bull, Karoo W109 Direction B244, to average \$6003.

The September 2006-drop bull, B244, had estimated breeding values of +87 and +112 for 400- and 600-day weights and +67 for

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carcase weight, placing B244 in the top one per cent for the Angus Group Breedplan figures in those categories.

Mr Quinn said the Karoo cattle were good growthy cattle with excellent weight for age, which suited his crossbreeding operation, while repeat clients, Chris and Peter Stonestreet, "Fern Side", Barry, purchased four sons of W109 in their draft of seven bulls, averaging \$4680.

"We chased the bulls by W109 - they have high growth rates and will be used in our 600 Angus commercial cow herd," Mr Stonestreet said.

Ed and Will Archer, Landfall Angus stud, Tasmania, purchased two

bulls, topping at \$6050, to average \$5225.

"We came last year and liked what we saw. This is our first time purchasing Karoo bulls. We were looking for new sire bloodlines and an outcross sire," Mr Archer said.

"Karoo has purchased cows from us, so we knew the type of cattle John Reen had."

Pat Bird Agencies, Oberon, purchased six bulls for local clients to average \$3917, while Colin Bannerman, Kywarra Angus stud, Blayney, averaged \$3500 for his draft of two bulls.

All the registered buyers purchased at least one bull, with the majority of the catalogue going to repeat clients with commercial herds.

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