

Karoo Angus bull charges to \$12,000

By SAM WHITE

THE barbecue went into overdrive at the annual Karoo Angus bull sale, held at Meadow Flat last Friday, as a whopper crowd turned up to bid.

It was a solid sale which many repeat buyers attended to purchase Karoo bulls.

The \$12,000 top-priced bull, Karoo 24J Right Time D107 (AI), sold via a telephone bid and will make its way to Tasmania to join Peter Richard's Cluden Newry Angus herd at Longford.

The bull was described by Karoo co-principal, Annie Scott, as a "big, powerful" bull.

The two-year-old had estimated breeding values (EBVs) which were positive for rib and rump fat, putting the bull in the top five per cent of the breed.

Overall, the sale had a clearance of 58 bulls from the 66

offered and averaged an impressive \$5280.

John Wear, "Enfield", made the long trek from Bishopsbourne, Tas, because he "wanted a quality bull".

To this end he paid \$11,000 for Karoo A227 Equator D50.

He said he was drawn to the bull because it was "very even and free moving".

"I like to buy bulls from long-time friends and reputable studs. It's why we came to this sale," he said.

The bull had a 600-day growth EBV of +114.

Mrs Scott said they were very happy with how the sale went.

The repeat buyers had proved they were on the right track with their breeding because of how many repeat buyers attended the sale.

She said it was nice to see new faces among the crowd.

"We sold some very good bulls and we were happy with the overall sale," she said.

"We breed our bulls so they are able to perform in every aspect of the industry."

Some of the bulls were sold into studs, she said, which was very pleasing.

She said the Karoo cattle were popular at the Central Tablelands Livestock Exchange (CTLX), Carcoar, where they had gathered a good following.

Continuing the interstate trend of the sale, three of the bulls were also sold into Queensland.

These were bought by the Quinn family, "Voewood", Calliope, Qld, who paid to \$9000 for the bulls and an average of \$7000.

Other volume buyers included the Evans family, "Martindale", Walgett, who went home with four bulls, paying to a top of \$8000 and an average of \$6125.

The sale was conducted by Ray White Emms Mooney, Blayney.



Ray White Emms Mooney auctioneer, Cameron Neville, Blayney, with vendor, Annie Scott, Karoo Angus, Meadow Flat, and buyer, John Wear, "Enfield", Bishopsbourne, Tasmania. Also pictured are Mrs Scott's husband, Tony, and their son, Riley.