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## **BIG COUNTRY SETS STRONG BRAHMAN COURSE FOR 2015**

Selling Agents Geaney's and McCaffrey's Australian Livestock Marketing recorded one of their most successful Big Country Brahman Sales of recent years at Charters Towers last week and cemented the Sale's position as the leading seedstock auction conducted annually in Northern Australia. A 100% clearance of Red and Grey bulls, a million dollar plus Sale Gross, a \$62,500 Top Price, a 47% increase in Red Bull averages, 24% increase in grey Bull averages, an overall 33% increase in the average price of all bulls (compared to 2014) and buyer registrations from as far away as New South Wales and the Northern Territory, all contributed to a super Sale result according to Sale Co-Agent Jim Geaney of Geaney's, Charters Towers. "We have happy Vendors and our buyers were pleased to get the opportunity to select from such a strong diversity of breed leading bloodlines," Jim Geaney said.

With a large percentage of polls in the offering, the Sale catered to growing demand from Studmasters and commercial cattle producers for poll bloodlines.

Ken McCaffrey of McCaffrey's Australian Livestock Marketing said cattle producers responded to the positive and confident Sale message about quality Brahmans and the future of Northern markets. "This Sale has always been a leader, that's why leading Studmasters always want to sell here and discerning Studmasters and steers breeders always want to source their bulls here," he said, "it is not easy, but we are always trying to innovate to lift the standards of every part of the Sale so that Vendors and buyers alike all benefit."

"The \$62,500 Sale top price is the highest recorded in Northern Australia since 2007 and the achievement of Brian and Cindy Hughes of Lanes Creek Stud, Georgetown to sell both the Red and Grey top sellers at such a major feature bull sale is a very rare occurrence, a credit to their Stud industry commitment, and reflects very positively on Brahman breeding in the North," Ken McCaffrey said.

### **RED SIRES SELL TO \$30,000**

Poll bulls were extremely prominent among the top sellers in the Red Sire section of the Big Country Brahman Sale. 8 out of the top 10 selling bulls are poll and Selling Agents consider there was a premium of around 30-40% towards poll bulls in the Reds. A big, long, strong sire character, mature age bull Lanes Creek Komrade, a poll, topped the section at \$30,000. Sired by NCC Kakadu and bred out of a poll daughter of Tartrus Redmount, Komrade is a high growth EBV bull that suited the requirements of purchasers Joe and Felicity Streeter, Fairy Springs Brahmans, Taroom. He scaled 860kg and looked ready to go straight to work. Brian and Cindy Hughes of Lanes Creek Stud liked Komrade, their poll team leader, a lot and were

pleased to see him sell to a Stud with such a long time history of high level success in the industry.

The Lanes Creek poll Red Sale sires were in high demand with four of them selling into the five figure (\$10,000 and over) bracket. Bevan Radel, Kandoona Brahmans, Injune was at the Sale and outlaid \$13,000 for Lanes Creek Woodford, a poll sire of great thickness, depth and volume, bred out of the Stud's leading damline. Brian Harriman, Reedybrook, Mt Garnet selected Lanes Creek Davenport, a 2yo poll out of the same cowline for \$12,500, while Darren Pedracini, Lornevale Roseglen Partnership, Georgetown outlaid \$11,000 for Lanes Creek Windham, another poll bull by Wandilla Zulu showing good natural easy doing beef qualities.

Early in the Sale, Clayton Curley, Gipsy Plains, Cloncurry selected the 750kg, 28 month old Palmal Windsor for \$15,000. A poll again, he topped the red draft of David and Julie McCamley's Palmal Stud, Dingo. Bevan Radel of Kandoona Brahmans recognised extraordinary value in his \$12,000 purchase of Ooline Maverick, a first Sale son of NCC Sabre offered by the Kent Family of Ooline Brahmans, Goovigen. He scaled 824kg at 25 months, recorded an eye muscle area of 138 sqcm and was considered by many good judges as a real sire in the making. Such was the dominance of prices towards polls at the Sale, his overall potential was overlooked because of his horn status, according to Ken McCaffrey of McCaffrey's Australian Livestock Marketing. Nevertheless Darren Kent and his family are delighted that the bull will get his chance in the Radel herd.

Similarly Ooline were pleased when Brett Nobbs of NCC Brahmans purchased Ooline Legacy for \$10,500. This son of NCC Springbok is a real beef sire. Long bodied, broad across the topline and well-muscled, he scanned an EMA of 140 sq cm and weighed over 800kg on Sale day. Peter Staal's Narranda Stud of Banana returned to the Big Country Sale with a draft of 8 bulls including 7 polls. Dan and Sally Beauchamp, Allendale, Ingham purchased the top Narranda bull for \$10,500.

Palmal sold two cherry red, high quality, strong pedigreed, poll sire prospects that also attracted plenty of buyer attention. Allan Williams, Riverside Pastoral Company, Nebo claimed Palmal Jabaru, an 800kg son of Mt Callan Jed for \$12,000 while Kelvin and Libby Harriman outlaid \$11,000 for Palmal Norton, a double Redmount bred, strong boned, loose skinned bull, for G.I. Stud, Muttaborra.

The very last bull in the Red section was a rising 2yo, good quality, strong bodied bull offered by Peter and Sue Gray of The Rivers Stud, Marlborough. His sire style and eye catching colour caused a few buyers to have him in their selections but it was Barry and Tanya Christensen's \$9,000 bid for Koon Kool Pastoral Company of Hughenden that landed The Rivers O'Keefe for them.

The Core family, SP Grazing, Charters Towers purchased 3 attractive poll bulls from Lanes Creek and Narranda Studs to average \$6,830 while John Lund of Clermont invested in 5 bulls from the Red Section. Geoff Carrick, Einasleigh also put together an excellent line of 5 Red poll bulls from the Sale.

## **LANES CREEK TAKES TOP PRICE DOUBLE**

Brian and Cindy Hughes, Lanes Creek Brahmans, Georgetown achieved a very rare double at the Big Country Sale when, on the second day, their magnificent young

grey sire, Lanes Creek Marocco Manso, topped the Grey Bull section at \$62,500. Lanes Creek is a long time vendor at the Sale, regularly topping prices in the reds and greys, however their achievement at this year's event is one rarely recorded in the history of the Brahman breed and endorses the Stud's commitment to producing Brahman seedstock, in both reds and greys, of the highest level in the land. Even under historically adverse seasonal and industry conditions at their Georgetown based Stud in the last two years, it has been a period of great success for the young far Northern Studmasters. Within the last 12 months they also enjoyed Championship success at Australia's largest showing of Brahmans, the 50th Anniversary Brahman Feature Show at Sydney Royal.

Lanes Creek Marocco Manso is a grey Brahman sire built beautifully for the modern beef industry, auctioneer Ken McCaffrey said in his sale preamble. Backed by excellent, breed top 15% EBV's for growth and carcass, and scaling 816kg at 24 months, Marocco caught the eye of many leading Studmasters with his combination of superb breed quality, structural correctness and mobility, and exceptional pedigree, a son of a J.D. Hudgins 1990's World renowned standout sire and a \$24,000 Sale topping Tartrus heifer. There were at least 6 interested parties keen to secure the bull and amazingly, when bidding reached the high levels of \$50,000 plus, four different bidders recorded the last four bids on the quality sire prospect. The hammer fell at \$62,500 to the bid of Ken Roche who handled the bidding for absentee buyers Bill & Sue Blakeney in partnership with Royce & Beryl Sommerfeld. The Kents of Ooline Stud, Goovigen were the underbidders on Marocco.

Exactly four lots later, a young poll sire of great length, carcass and weight performance made \$26,000 to record the Grey's second highest price. Clukan Reload was one of the eye catching draft of greys Steve and Theresa Taylor's Clukan Stud of Jambin took to the Sale. At 784kg and scanning an EMA of 142 sqcm, this milk tooth bull had the combination of valuable features many breeders are looking for in a poll sire. After a spirited bidding duel from two phone and four ringside bidders, Tony Hayne, Northern Veterinary Services, Northern Territory is the new owner of the bull.

Lawson Camm, Cambil Brahmans, Proserpine again offered a strong draft of grey bulls and was among the toppers with his \$16,000 sale of Cambil Olympus to Pensini Grazing, Hughenden bidding through Shane Stafford Agencies. At 846kg and 133 sqm EMA, this milk tooth bull is backed by a strong diversity of JDH bloodlines and looks a robust type with a lot of sire character. The full brother to the Sale topper, Lanes Creek Maquarie Manso made \$12,000, with Nicholas Brownson, Burdekin Brahmans, Charters Towers very pleased with his purchase.

The first grey sire into the ring on the second day, Maru Maguire Manso, was one of 5 impressive full brothers offered by Manuel & Tracey Mifsud's Maru Stud of Sarina. Brett and Susan Kirk, Hazelton Brahmans, Middlemount purchased this long bodied, heavy muscled JDH Prophet Manso son for \$11,000. The other four brothers were all purchased by Lincoln, Don and Rita Condon, Conjuboy Pastoral Company, Mt Garnet at an average of \$6,750, as part of the exceptional draft of 12 high quality, strong beef performance, well-bred grey bulls they put together through the offering.

Tony and Trish Brown, Pioneer Park Stud, Mackay sold their heavyweight Sale team leader, Gleeson Manso, for \$10,500 to Gavin Scott, Rosetta Pastoral Company, Collinsville and another son of JDH Mr Hooks Manso for \$9,000 to Damien Parker of Aramac. David and Joy Deguara presented a quality team of grey sires from their

Hamdenvale Stud, Mackay. Their \$10,500 top seller, Hamdenvale Monroe, is a son of the breed's \$300,000 all-time top selling sire, Lancefield Burton Manso, and he went to Conjuboy Pastoral Company while Pip Knuth of Burdekin Downs, Charters Towers bid to \$10,000 to secure Hamdenvale Sir Lincoln, a well-bred, 790kg, 132 sqcm EMA son of PBF Lincoln Manso.

The Condons of Conjuboy may well have secured one of the bargains of the Sale in their \$9,000 purchase of Clukan Eddie. This is a quality bull of excellent pedigree, sire style, bone, natural softness and beef credentials. Robert and Margot Mifsud, Radella Brahmans, Sarina also achieved a \$9,000 sale for their team leader Radella Liam Manso. A white grey sire by JDH Cutler de Manso, he shows a lot of style and was purchased by T & T Jones, Lou Lou Park, Jericho.

Cherie Gilmore of Prairie bid \$8,000 for Palmal Everton, a powerful pedigreed young sire of full NCC breeding that topped the greys of David and Julie McCamley's draft.

Among the volume bull buyers in the Grey section were Jellinbah Pastoral Co., Parker Family, Clermont, Glenell Grazing, Ravenswood, D & L Dennis, Maryvale, Charters Towers and R & L Bethel, Georgetown.

### **\$7,500 TOPS HEIFERS**

A PTIC Grey Heifer by Tarrus Aristotle Manso from the Pioneer Park Stud of Mackay topped the small offering of Stud Heifers at the Big Country Brahman Sale at \$7,500. She was purchased by Rob Flute of Richmond along with Pioneer Park Chantal Manso, another quality grey heifer by NCC Jancourt for \$4,000. Clermont Studmaster Bon Wall of Wallton Downs averaged \$3,000 for his draft of three stylish, unjoined heifers. His top heifer, a poll, sold to Matt Kirk of Mundubbera for \$4,500.

**Agents: Geaney's and McCaffrey's Australian Livestock Marketing.**

# BIG COUNTRY BRAHMAN SALE 2015 FACTS & FIGURES

## SALE RESULTS

No.	Description	Gross	Average	Top
64	Red Registered Bulls	\$390,500	\$6,100	\$30,000
7	Red Herd Bulls	\$34,000	\$4,855	\$7,000
96	Grey Registered Bulls	\$586,500	\$6,110	\$62,500
11	Grey Herd Bulls	\$41,000	\$3,725	\$5,000
<b>178</b>	<b>TOTAL BULLS</b>	<b>\$1,052,000</b>	<b>\$5,910</b>	
8	Stud Registered Heifers	\$27,500	\$3,440	\$7,500
<b>186</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,079,500</b>		<b>99% Clearance</b>

## TOP 10 RED BIG COUNTRY BULLS

Lot	Vendor	Purchaser	Price
15	Lanes Creek	Fairy Springs	\$30,000
8	Palmal	Gipsy Plains	\$15,000
16	Lanes Creek	BJ & E Radel & Sons	\$13,000
31	Lanes Creek	BAH Cattle	\$12,500
10	Ooline	BJ & E Radel & Sons	\$12,000
6	Palmal	Riverside Pastoral Co	\$12,000
17	Lanes Creek	Lornevale Roseglen P'ship	\$11,000
7	Palmal	G.I. Stud	\$11,000
11	Ooline	NCC Brahmans	\$10,500
41	Staal	D & S Beauchamp	\$10,500

## TOP 10 GREY BIG COUNTRY BULLS

Lot	Vendor	Purchaser	Price
108	Lanes Creek	Blakeney & Sommerfeld	\$62,500
112	Clukan	Northern Vet Services	\$26,000
125	Cambil	Pensini Grazing Co	\$16,000
109	Lanes Creek	Burdekin Brahmans	\$12,000
88	Maru	Hazelton Pastoral Co	\$11,000
147	Pioneer Park	Gavin Scott	\$10,500
152	Hamdenvale	Conjuboy Pastoral Co	\$10,500
155	Hamdenvale	Burdekin Downs	\$10,000
110	Clukan	Conjuboy Pastoral Co	\$9,000
139	Radella	T & T Jones	\$9,000
150	Pioneer Park	D Parker	\$9,000

## BIG COUNTRY LEADING VENDOR AVERAGES (3 or more bulls)

Vendor	<u>Reds</u>		Vendor	<u>Greys</u>	
	No. Sold	Average		No. Sold	Average
Palmal	4	\$11,125	Lanes Creek	9	\$11,500
Lanes Creek	12	\$8,960	Clukan	6	\$10,085
Ooline	4	\$7,750	Pioneer Park	4	\$8,000
Staal	8	\$5,875	Palmal	3	\$7,335
Wallton Downs	3	\$5,833	Radella	4	\$7,125

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