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## SALE SUCCESS GROWS AT TOOMBA

Last week's Toomba Invitation Stockhorse Sale, staged by McCaffrey's Australian Livestock Marketing and Geaney's at Charters Towers, continued its year-on-year growth trajectory, recording increased averages for all categories, increased top prices for all categories, increased Sale receipts, a high Sale clearance percentage and record numbers of registered buyers. The unusually rainy weather tested the decision to conduct the auction sale in the Dalrymple Equestrian Arena for the first time, however Sale Vendors took the wet conditions in their stride with their horses presenting and working well in the large arena while under the hammer of auctioneers Ken McCaffrey and Jim and Matthew Geaney. Buyers too were complimentary about the larger Sale arena. Sale Convenor Ernest Bassingthwaight of Toomba Stockhorses said the new format presented and worked well, and any areas which could be improved would be implemented for 2013. "It is the first time I can remember our Sale being wet weather affected," Ernest said, "and conditions underfoot were trying for the horses, Vendors and for buyers wanting to inspect lots in their pens, however it didn't stop spirited bidding competition right throughout the Sale." The Sale's ridden workouts held on the afternoon before auction day were staged before the biggest crowd ever, and it was obvious from Sale results that buyers relied heavily on their assessments of the workouts in their bidding support for particular lots.

Ridden mares sold to a top of \$18,000 and ridden geldings to \$15,500 in a display of strong demand for quality, well bred mounts which were 'going well' under saddle. 11 ridden mounts sold into five figure prices (\$10,000 and above) and another 7 of them sold in the \$8,000 to \$9,500 range.

Nibbereena Olga, a 7yo mare experienced in Challenge and Campdraft events, offered by Berry and Kelly Shann, Nibbereena, Clermont topped the Sale at \$18,000. This attractive, brown daughter of Myall Springs Omar was sold to a client of Geaney's agency, Charters Towers.

Noted Longreach horseman John Arnold presented the \$15,500 top price gelding, One Moore CD. A very smart, attractive type by the imported sire Bank Fulo CDees, he was purchased by Cranbourne Cattle Company of Charters Towers. This gelding was one of an extremely impressive line of 5 ridden mounts that Cranbourne purchased at the Sale. Their leading ridden mare purchase, at \$10,500, was the rising, 5yo well bred mare, Miss Breezy, a daughter of EP Dualin Doc that was offered by Llanarth Pastoral Company.

The tremendous draft of 13 young ridden horses from Longreach's Australian Agricultural College Corporation met very strong demand from buyers, averaging \$8,845 and selling to a top of \$13,000 on two occasions. The Toohey Family of Mt Garnet bid that price to secure AACC Spinderlena, a 4yo mare by Spindles Playboy, while Nathan Butcher of Prairie purchased AACC Concordia, a year younger half-sister to Spinderlena by the celebrated sire Genuine Roy, also for \$13,000. The College also got the Sale away to a sensational start when their Lot 1 gelding, AACC Fitzroy, a 3yo son of Oak Rush and out of a campdraft and challenge winning mare, made \$11,500 selling to Arthur Shepherd Pastoral Company, Pentland. Another high seller in the impressive Longreach College team was the \$11,000 AACC Savannah, an Oak Rush sister to last year's Sale top price

ridden mare. This quality 4yo brown mare was purchased by Fairview Cattle Company, Alpha. Sam Fryer of Prairie also invested in an AACC gelding taking the grey, Bazza by Soda Thompson, for \$10,000.

The Durkin Family of Charters Towers figured in the sale of two popular Sale lots. Firstly Rachael Durkin realised \$11,500 for her smart 4yo mare Eclipse, a daughter of Nitro. She sold to Central Queensland horseman Josh Smith. Nine lots later Robert and Wendy Durkin bid to \$12,000 for Limehills Glamour, an attractive 12yo chestnut mare offered by Gary and Melina Ryan of Woodstock. Smart on her feet, Glamour is a daughter of Kildonan Tillbuster and is a sister to two well performed campdraft horses. The Durkins also outlaid \$9,000 for Toomba Quebec, a lovely, young, brown mare by Stanton Stud Black Breeze that was offered by Doug and Zoe O'Neill of Charters Towers.

The superbly bred, 8yo Lethal Lena gelding, Lamrock's Lethal Lawman, attracted good bidding competition after displaying an excellent workout under his rider John Arnold. Sale repeat buyer Ralph Cox, Cox Pastoral Holdings, Proserpine was on hand to purchase the chestnut for \$11,500.

The Sale's large selection of Led Prospects were keenly sought by buyers, some who would be aiming their purchases at the Toomba Sale's Buyer Bonuses offered at forthcoming years' Horse Of The North competition. Doug and Zoe O'Neill presented the \$7,750 section topper, a yearling filly by Gilgannon Gold Top. This filly was one of three high quality, young led horses purchased at the Sale by Emma O'Shea of Almaden. Ian and Jenni Ievers of Marathon Horse Stud, Richmond sold a yearling colt by their sire Marathon's Little Destiny for \$4,750 to the Pasetti Family of Innisfail, while the Miller's Rhondhu Stud realised \$6,000 each for impressively bred yearling colts by high profile sires Acre Maker and Shining Sheriff.

The Broodmare section of the Sale was topped at \$9,500 by El Pascol Lady Bird, a 10yo daughter of Oak Rush offered by the Australian Agricultural College Corporation.

Selling Agents Geaney's and McCaffrey's Australian Livestock Marketing were well pleased with the Sale result and the widespread response to their Sale's marketing programme. Buyers were in attendance from as far away as Cloncurry, Georgetown, Rockhampton, Alpha, Gin Gin, Proserpine, Clermont, Longreach, Atherton Tableland, Emerald, Innisfail and Glen Innes, NSW. "The quality and presentation of the offering was of a good standard and the diversity of the Sale selection allowed significant buyer demand from the grazing industry as well as from horse enthusiasts who want to take their purchases on to competition events," Ken McCaffrey said, "the Sale, combined with the ever developing Horse Of The North competition are very successful and have made Charters Towers the Horse Capital Centre of Northern Australia."

A full list of Sale prices is available online [www.toombasale.com](http://www.toombasale.com)

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

### **SALE RESULTS**

No.	Description	Gross	Average	Top
27	Ridden Fillies & Mares	\$200,500	\$7,425	\$18,000
34	Ridden Geldings	208,000	6,120	15,500
1	Ridden Colt	6,000	6,000	6,000
22	Led Prospects	70,050	3,185	7,750
5	Broodmares	21,000	4,200	9,500
<b>89</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$505,550</b>	<b>\$5,680</b>	<b>87% Clearance</b>

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