

2014 Annual Sale Report

LINDSAY MURRAY GREYS

■ Total clearance of 27 bulls to \$10,000, av \$5296

NEW heights were hit by Lindsay Murray Grey stud principals Craig and Jacinta Grant during their annual bull sale at Casterton last week.

Prices peaked at \$10,000 in a total clearance of 27 bulls, which averaged an impressive \$5296 – nearly \$1000 up on last year.

The youngest bull in the sale Lindsay Helsinki H164, by Monterey Easy Rider, attracted several interested buyers, but it was phone bidder Don Monley, Harden, NSW, who placed the winning bid at \$10,000.

Mr Monley had been monitoring Helsinki after seeing him more than 12 months ago as a bull calf.

The 17-month-old bull, out of stud elite dam Lindsay Elizabeth A171, recorded a breeding average calving ease direct estimated breeding value of -1.2 per cent and birthweight +3.2 kilograms.

The second highest price was \$9000 for Lindsay Hostage, son of Kelso Cracker C17 and out of Lindsay Leanne, paid by Glenbold Murray Greys, Strathalbyn, South Australia.

Lindsay Hostage boasted calving ease of -1.2pc, milk +3kg and had the second highest eye muscle area scan at 600 days at +44.

The Whitehead family from Edenhope purchased four bulls to \$5000, av \$3750.

In the current beef market climate, Mr Grant said the stud did not expect a recorded breaking sale, but welcomed the strong results that affirmed their progressive breeding plan.

“It is the best offering we have had up before and goes to show that if you can get the cattle and product right, people appreciate the quality,” he said. “Generally clients were chasing quality bulls with calving ease, but not bulls that were over-extreme in any way – just good quality carcass bulls.”

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