

# Destination Brahman Week

By Lea Coglan, photos by Kent Ward

The Brahman industry's flagship sale, Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale, saw more than \$7 million exchange hands between vendors and buyers over the three days.

The sale – the penultimate multi-vendor sale for the industry's leading red and grey Brahman genetics – largely followed the trend currently being experienced across the industry, with easing market conditions at play.

Total revenue was \$7,887,000, with an overall average of \$10,216. Of the 837 bulls offered, 772 were sold for a 92 per cent clearance rate.

Action on each of the three days was even, with 252 lots going under the hammer on day one (\$2.38m), following by 246 on day two (\$2.44m) and 238 on day three (\$2.9m).



Buyers, Ewan, Lylee, Felicity and Les Rockemer (second from right), Gigoomgan Stud, Brooweena, Anthony Ball, Elders Stud Stock and vendors Jess (third from left), Dallas, Eugene and Cooper Mollenhagen, Mountain Springs Stud, Monto with the \$100,000 Mountain Springs Nashville (ET) (PS).

While the 2023 results fell short of the record-breaking highs of 2022 including the average \$16,722 and total revenue of \$13,121,000, demand was still high.

Easing market conditions gave some commercial beef producers an opportunity to purchase elite Brahman seedstock that may have been previously out of reach.

The \$120,000 Tarramba True North 4664 (IVF) (PP) with vendors Adam, Tracy and Wallace Gunthorpe, Tarramba Stud, Banana and buyer Brian Harriman, Reedybrook B Stud, East Palmerston and Anthony Ball, Elders Stud Stock.







Purchaser, Letitia Nicolle, Nioka Stud, Biloela and vendor Reade Radel, Kandoona Stud, Injune with the \$90,000 Kandoona Kennedy 17056 (PP).

The 47th RBWS attracted more than the 360 registered bidders, mostly from Queensland, the Northern Territory and NSW, and 181 buyers used the Elite Livestock Auctions online platform to place bids.

### Top Performers

The top priced bull and top selling red sire was the Tarramba True North 4664 (IVF) (PP), offered by Gunthorpe Cattle Company and purchased by Reedybrook B Brahmans, East Palmerston, for \$120,000.

Sired by Y3K Billionaire 9002 (PP) and dam Tarramba Dienka 4168 (ET) (PP), the two-year-old polled sire came with an “unflappable nature”.

Mountain Springs Nashville (ET) (PS), a 26-month-old red polled sire, found a new home with the Rockemer Family, Gigoomgan Pastoral, Brooweena, paying \$100,000.

Offered by Monto breeders, Eugene and Jessica Mollenhagen, Nashville was sired by Fairy Springs Duracell 3606 (PS) and dam Mountain Springs Carolina (ET) (PP). The second top selling bull was noted for his “great sirey head, good bone, excellent length, tidy underline with an exceptional temperament”.

A 33-month-old polled grey bull, Doonside 2794 (IVF) (PS) was the top selling grey bull and equal third highest selling bull, fetching \$90,000.



Top price grey the \$90,000, Doonside 2794 (IVF) (PS) with Anthony Ball, Elders Stud Stock, purchasers, Matthew and Janelle McCamley Lancefield M Stud, Dululu and vendor, Bill Geddes, Doonside Stud, Barmoya.

The \$80,000 Rockley Arkyn (ET) (PS) with breeders, Ashley and Arnie Kirk, Rockley Stud, Moura and buyers Joe and George Streeter, Fairy Springs Stud, Taroom.

Presented by Bill and Kay Geddes, Milman, Rockhampton, the impressive bull was sired by MR V8 279/7 (IM US) (PS), and dam Rockstar Martin Impress 68 (IVF) (HH). He was purchased by the Eulogie Cattle Company.

Kandoona Red Brahmans' first of two top ten performers, Kandoona Kennedy, 17056 (PP), sold for \$90,000.

The 23-month-old horned red bull, sired by Somerview Rockefeller 2719 (PP), and dam Kandoona 14972 (PS), found a new







Eureka Creek Marindi (PP) with Becky Wilson and Brad Kielly, Eureka Creek Stud, Dululu and buyers of the \$70,000 bull, Kelvin and Margaret Maloney, Kenilworth Stud, Mt Coolon.

home for \$90,000, courtesy of Ewedale Grazing Partnership.

A 25-month-old, polled red sire, Rockley Arkyn (ET) (PS), was the fourth highest selling bull, going under the hammer for \$80,000.

Offered by long-time seedstock producers, Rockley Brahmans, Arkyn was sired by Elmo Picasso 1023/7 (PP), and dam Rockley Miss Datababe 125 (IVF) (PS), and purchased by Joseph and Felicity Streeter, Fairy Springs Brahmans.

Eureka Creek Brahmans presented the fifth top selling bull, Eureka Creek Marindi (PP), a 25-month-old grey polled bull, sired by Avee 977 (PP), and dam Eureka Creek Zara 576 (PS). Marindi was purchased by Kenilworth Brahmans, Mount Coolon, for \$70,000.

The red catalogue of 368 bulls returned \$4,006,500 to an average \$10,887.

Some 403 grey bulls exchanged hands to return \$3,881,500 for an average \$9,632.

### Vendors large drafts

Some 22 studs presented drafts of 10 or more sires.

Kelly Creek Pastoral Company, Wandilla, Marlborough, team of 20 bulls sold to average \$10,250 to a high of \$29,000 for Wandilla O'Reilly 724/0 (H).

Reade Radel, Kandoona Red Brahman, sold a draft of 20 bulls, returning an average \$19,775, for a high of \$90,000 for Kandoona Kennedy 17056 (PP).

Next was Hazleton Brahmans, Blackwood, Middlemount, who sold 19 sires to

average \$9,315 and a high of \$20,000 achieved twice for Hazleton Mascot 6301 (H) and Hazleton Ezra 6172 (H).

Wowan seedstock producers, Fenech Brahmans, Craigleigh, achieved an average \$6,777 for their draft of 18 bulls, to a high of \$25,000 for FBC Benji Manso 670/2 (H).

NA and H Sorley, Mt Callan, Dalby, sold 18 bulls, to an average of \$14,444, twice reaching highs of \$40,000 for Mt Callan Westwood 50/22 (PS) and Mt Callan Werribee 20/22 (AI) (PP).

A team of 16 sires from Fern Hills Grazing Trust, Fern Hills, Bajool, returned an average \$9,675, to a high of \$57,000 for Fern Hills Zodiac 4074 (PS).

Rockley Brahmans, Rockhampton, sold 16 bulls to an average \$16,312 and a high of \$80,000 for Rockley Arkyn (ET) (PS).

Tony and Kathy Mortimer's draft of 14 bulls returned an average \$6,285 to a top of \$22,000 for Token Noah 1019/1 (AI) (PS).

S and V Hayes, Mundubbera, 14 bulls, \$196,000, av \$14,000 and a high of \$24,000 for Yenda V 842 (IVF) (PS) and Yenda V 835 (PS).

Of the catalogue, there were some 444 polled/scurred bulls, averaging \$11,481 and return \$5.09m. The remaining 322 bulls were horned, averaging \$8,564 to return \$2.75 million. 🐄



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# RBWS top price bulls 2023 cont...

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Brett Nobbs, NCC Stud, Duaringa and vendor Neville Sommerfeld, Brahrock Stud, Maryborough with them is the \$65,000, Brahrock N Bradford 182 (IVF).



Vendor, Ivan Price, Moongool Stud, Yuleba and buyer Brett Kinnon, Bungoona Stud, Clermont and the \$65,000 purchase, Moongool Mr 536 (IVF) (PS).



Sally Sweetland, Samari Plains Stud, Roma and vendor, Brett McCamley, Fern Hills Stud, Bajool with the \$57,000 Fern Hills Zodiac (PS).



Vendor Reade Radel, Kandoona Stud, Injune with the \$52,500 Kandoona Macarthur 17228 (AI) (PS) purchased by the Andrew and Annie Hacon, Cubbaroo Stud, Cloncurry.



Reade Radel Kandoona Stud, Injune with his \$50,000 selection, Stockman Stryka (IVF) (PS).



Ivan Price, Moongool Stud, Yuleba with the \$50,000 Moongool Mr 565 (IVF) and AJ and Pam Davison, Viva Stud, Middelmount.





\$45,000 Mountain Springs Lynx (IVF) (PS) with Dallas and Cooper Mollenhagen, Mountain Springs Stud, Monto and James Saunders, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Mackay.



The \$42,000 FBC A Jesse James 206A with buyer, Tom Nobbs, Yoman Stud, Moura and vendor Chris Fenech, FBA A Stud, Wowan.



The \$40,000 Palmvale Rooster 4209 (PP) with vendor, Beth Streeter, Palmvale Stud, Marlborough.



Purchasers, Libby and Kelvin Harriman, Thagoona Stud, Hughenden with vendors Olivia, Lacey, Rocky, Logan, Jessica and Innes Fahey, Bizzy Stud, Newbold, New South Wales with the \$40,000 Bizzy F Signature S4 (IVF) (PS).



The \$35,000 Rockley Espen (ET) (PS) with vendors Ashley and Arnie Kirk, Rockley Stud, Moura.



The \$32,500 Eureka Creek Roderick (AI) (PS) with new owners, Angus and Leanne Creedon, Leajon Park Stud, Middlemount and vendors, Becky Wilson and Brad Kielly, Eureka Creek Stud, Dululu.



The \$32,500 Brahrock Dawson 6932 (IVF) with buyers, Julie and Tim Borg, HarryBrandt Grazing, Nebo.



Jim Bauer, Elanora Park Stud, Monduran with his \$30,000 seller, Elanora Park Jefferson 3941 (PS) and buyers Clayton and Jamie Curley, Gipsy Plains Stud, Cloncurry.





The \$30,000 JK Achillies (IVF) with vendors James, Cassandra, Artie and Francesca Kent, JK Stud, Greycliffe.



Louise and Warren Wilson, Batandra Stud, Mitchell and vendors Ashley and Arnie Kirk, Rockley Stud, Moura with the \$30,000 Rockley Forkbeard (ET) (PS).



Joe and George Streeter, Fairy Springs Stud, Taroom with vendor, Reade Radel, Kandoona Stud, Injune and the \$30,000 Kandoona Betoota 17096 (PS).



Scott Angel, Glengarry Stud, Kunwarara with his \$30,000 Glengarry Midnight Madness (PS).



The \$30,000 Brahrock Drake 7051(IVF) with Patrick and Belinda Sheahan, Valley Cattle Company, Ingham.

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Pictured l to R; Rallen Australia's State Operations Manager, Andrew Stubbs, Pierre Langerhoven (managing director), Des Carey, Kalah Station, NT and Marcus Trevenen, Larrizona Station, NT. Operate three stations, Larrizona, Big River and Mt McMinn.

# Largest RBWS draft heads across the border

By Lea Coghlan, photos by Kent Ward

Northern Territory commercial beef producer, Rallen Australia, assembled a draft of 49 Brahman bulls to lead the group of bulk purchasers at the Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale in October.

Owners of several large pastoral properties in northern Australia, Rallen Australia paid an average of \$4,796 for their draft, to a top of \$7,000 for Tarramaba Talladega 4459 (PP).

Riverside Pastoral Company, Nebo, took home 33 bulls for an average of \$18,712, to a top of \$15,000 for Kandoon Richford 17039 (PP).

Charters Towers brothers, Garry and Trevor Core, SP Grazing, trucked home a draft of 28 red bulls to their properties, Spring Park and Mt Fullstop, for an average \$11,107. The brothers top purchase was Rockley Harold (IVF) (PP) for \$28,000.

Mt Isa-based Lawnhill Riversleigh Pastoral Holding P/L purchased 21 bulls to an average of \$4,000.

GKW Pastoral Holdings, Injune, paid an average \$8,111 for a draft of 18 bulls to a top of \$22,000 for Lot 881 for Halgenaes Shiraz (IVF) (PS).

Peter and Del Marie Glenwright's Laroona Pastoral Company, Charters Towers, took home a draft of 17 bulls for an average of \$6,471, with their top sire Yenda V 845 (H) which they paid \$12,000.

Clermont based Bush Holdings paid an average \$9,563 to top of \$20,000 for Glengarry Crash My Party 3332 (H) for its draft of 16 bulls.

Currawong Pastoral Company, Mitchell, (av \$9,417) and Arafura Cattle P/L, (av \$7,750), each took home 12 bulls, while R and J Jacobsen, Kunawarra, (av \$6,636) trucked home 11 to their Western Australia home base and K and M Ebberrn, Rosedale, (av \$7,181) also purchased 11 bulls. Bettini Beef, Pilbara, Western Australia, secured 11 sires, (av, \$4,818).

Drafts of 10 sires were purchased by Vandibeeek Pastoral Company, Alpha, (av \$7,800), Tirrabella Pastoral Company, Mt Garnet (av \$12,050), Hartley Grazing, Mitchell (av \$6,700).

Graeme Fitchett, Tirrabella Station, Mt Garnet.



# Top vendor averages

By Lea Coghlan

The 2023 averages leader board (three bulls or more) topped at \$29,000, achieved by Neville and Shannon Sommerfeld, Maryborough.

EE and JJ Mollenhagen and Sons sold six bulls to average \$28,333 to a high of \$100,000 for Mountain Springs Nashville (ET) (PS).

Eureka Creek Marindi (PP) helped Eureka Creek Brahmans achieved a top of \$70,000 from a team of four sires sold to return an average \$28,000.

Chris Fenech sold three bulls to average \$24,167 and a top of \$42,000 for FBC A Jesse James 206 (A) (PS).

Regular vendor, Rockley Brahmans, Rockhampton, achieved \$23,313 for their draft of 16 bulls. Their high, \$80,000, was achieved for red sire Rockley Arkyn (ET) (PS) which sold to Fairy Springs.

Keddstock Pty Ltd, Yuleba, sold seven sires to average \$22,714, and a top of \$65,000 for Moongool Mr 536 (IVF) (PS).

An eight-bull draft from W and K Geddes, Doonside, Rockhampton returned an average of \$20,375 to a high of \$90,000 for Doonside 2794 (IVF) (PS).

RJ Radel and Co, Yebna, Injune, sold 20 sires, for an average \$19,775, and a high of \$90,000 for Kandoona Kennedy 17056 (PP).



## TOP 20 VENDORS RBWS 2023

RANKING	STUD	NO. SOLD	AVG	TOP	COLOUR
1	BRAHROCK N	3	\$29,000	\$65,000	GREY
2	MOUNTAIN SPRINGS	6	\$28,333	\$100,000	RED
3	EUREKA CREEK	4	\$28,000	\$70,000	GREY
4	FBC A	3	\$24,167	\$42,000	GREY
5	ROCKLEY	16	\$23,313	80,000	RED
6	MOONGOOL	7	\$22,714	\$65,000	GREY
7	DOONSIDE	8	\$20,375	\$90,000	GREY
8	KANDOONA	20	\$19,775	\$90,000	RED
9	CLUKAN	8	\$19,687	\$45,000	GREY
10	JK	4	\$19,500	\$30,000	RED
11	STOCKMAN	6	\$18,667	\$50,000	RED
12	BIZZY F	3	\$18,333	\$40,000	RED
13	TARRAMBA	12	\$18,000	\$120,000	RED
14	SEE	3	\$17,333	\$24,000	RED
15	SHARPE	3	\$17,000	\$18,000	GREY
16	OAKLANDS	3	\$16,333	\$23,000	GREY
17	BRAHROCK MT	3	\$15,000	\$26,000	GREY
18	JRL B	3	\$15,000	\$20,000	GREY
19	MT CALLAN	18	\$14,444	\$40,000	RED
20	DRY CREEK	3	\$14,333	\$22,000	GREY



# Red sire tops RBWS sale for Tarramba

By Lea Coghlan, photo by Kent Ward

Topping the red catalogue and earning bragging rights as the top selling bull for RBWS 2023 was Tarramba True North 4644 (IVF) (PP).

The Gunthorpe Cattle Company's 23-month-old sire, out of Y3K Billionaire 9002 (PP) and dam Tarramba Dienka 4168 (ET) (PP), was noted for his "unflappable nature".

Reedybrook B Brahmans purchased the quality sire for a sales high of \$120,000.

The red catalogue – with some 368 bulls going under the hammer to return \$4.06 million to an average \$10,887 – left the best to last with the

top three sires going under hammer on day three.

The second top selling red sire and second highest bull of the sale was Mountain Springs Nashville (ET) (PS).

Going under the hammer for \$100,000, sired by Fairy Springs Duracell 3606 (PS) and dam Mountain Springs Carolina (ET) (PP), the 26-month-old was purchased by Gigoomgan Pastoral, from vendor EE and JM Mollehagen and Sons, Langley.

Reade Radel's Kandoona Kennedy 17056 (PP) was the third highest red sire, fetching \$90,000.

The 23-month-old horned bull, by Somerview Rockefeller 2719 (PP) and Kandoona 14972 (PS) was purchased by Ewedale Grazing Partnership, Biloela.

Rockley Brahmans's Rockley Arkyn (ET) (PS) changed hands for \$80,000. Fairy Springs Brahmans purchased the fourth highest selling red Brahman.

Noted for "possessing breed character, silky skin, strong carcass qualities all in a structurally correct package", Arkyn was sired by Elmo Picasso 1023/7 (PP) and dam Rockley Miss Datababe 125 (IVF) (PS).

Samari Grazing Company walked away with the fifth highest selling red sire, paying \$57,000 for Fern Hills Zodiac 4074 (PS), from the stable of Fern Hills Grazing Trust, Bajool.

The 25-month-old red polled Brahman, noted as a "growthy sire, length and perfect temperament" is the son Muan Venture 6230 (PS) and Fern Hills Miss 2724 (H) (APX D)



The \$120,000 Tarramba True North 4664 (IVF) (PP) with vendors Adam, Tracy and Wallace Gunthorpe, Tarramba Stud and buyer Brian Harriman, Reedybrook B Stud, East Palmerston.





# Doonside tops the greys at RBWS 2023

By Lea Coglhan, photo by Kent Ward

A 33-month-old bull topped the grey Brahman catalogue at Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale, going under the hammer for \$90,000.

Doonside 2794 (IVF) (PS), from Bill and Kay Geddes, Doonside, Rockhampton, found a new home at Eulogie Cattle Company. The son of Mr V8 279/7 (IMP US) (PS) and Rockstar Martin Impress 68 (IVF) (H) went under the hammer on the second day of sale proceedings.

The bull trumped Eureka Creek Marindi (PP) who had announced his arrival in good form, fetching \$70,000 for vendor, Eureka Creek Brahmans, Monto, early on day one.

The 25-month-old sire from Avee 977 (PP) and dam Eureka Creek Zara 576 (PS), was noted for having "beef and bone with good feet and legs" and had already made an impact on his home herd.

Marindi found a new home at Kenilworth Brahmans.

The equal third highest grey Brahman sire was also sold on day one.

Brahrock N Bradford 182 (IVF) (H), sired by Lancefield 5 Talladega 5282/1 (PS) and dam Brahrock Massai Power 6093 (IVF) (H), earned vendors Neville and Shannon Sommerfeld, Brahrock, Maryborough, \$65,000.

He found a new home with Nobbs Cattle Company.

Ivan Price's Moongool stud prefix shared in the third highest sire and also claimed the fourth top priced grey Brahman bull on day two.

Moongool Mr 536 (IVF) (PS) by Kenrol Shazarm 0549 (IVF) (PP) and dam Moongool Miss 098 (H), was



Top price grey the \$90,000, Doonside 2794 (IVF) (PS) with purchasers, Matthew and Janelle McCamley Lancefield M Stud, Dululu and vendor, Bill Geddes, Doonside Stud, Barmoya.

purchased by Bungoona, Clermont, for \$65,000.

Moongool Mr 565 (IVF) (H) by sire JDH Mr Enrico Manso 612/6 (IMP US) (H) and dam Moongool Horlicks Manso 1 (IVF) (H), sold for \$50,000 to A and P Davison.

Mountain Springs Lynx (IVF) (PS) earned vendors, Eugene and Jessica Mollenhagen and Sons, Monto, a \$45,000 return. The son of Willtony Bloodstone 1013 (PS) and Rockstar Lady Platinum Elmo 61 (IVF) (H) was noted as having an "exceptional polled head

with great thickness, straight topline, extremely tidy underline and fantastic temperament". He was purchased by Riverside Pastoral Company.

Clukan Monty1581 (PS) also fetched \$45,000. The son of NC Echuca (IVF) (H) and Clukan Lucy 314/6 (IVF) (PP) was offered by SR and M Taylor, Jambin and purchased by S and V Hayes.

The catalogue boasted some 403 grey bulls to average \$9,632 and return \$3.8 million.











At the sale RBWS 2023  
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