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Big demand for Witherswood

By SHANE DOUTHIE

IT was an unforgettable day at Witherswood Angus stud at Taminick on Friday at its first ever 'female' sale where every lot not only sold but prices exceeded expectations.

"It was a big day," owner John Woodruff told *The Chronicle*.

"It was the biggest crowd we've had in 18 years and not one lot was passed in.

"Everything went well and the place looked just right after the rain on Thursday night."

The overall proceeds of the sale was \$650,500 with a total average sale price of \$4680.

Witherswood Angus is the home of Australia's most expensive Angus bull, Kingdom

K35, who was purchased by Witherswood as part of a consortium for \$150,000 in September 2015.

This sale offered a selection of top quality females many with calves by leading industry sires, including Kingdom K35 and Klooney K42, as well as yearling heifers and yearling bulls by both of the prized bulls.

It was the first opportunity for the public to buy into the female side of Witherswood's impeccable breeding program.

Of the 66 cows and calves sold, the top price was \$11,500 with an average of \$5854.

The highest price of the 20 yearling bulls was \$18,000 with an average of \$6025

while the top price of the 57 yearling heifers was \$8000 and an average of \$2930.

Corcoran Parker stock agent Kevin Sanderson, who was at the sale, said the prices reached for the bulls was way above the price made at the March sale earlier this year.

"The breeding has really shown through," he said.

"The genetics they have expanded since they (John and Joan Woodruff) set up has got the other studs wanting the same lines.

"This sale was an unknown quantity because it had to attract stud buyers but they came from everywhere, as far north as Bingara (northern NSW) and South Australia.

"I think there would have been at least 200 there."



STRONG TURNOUT: An impressive crowd of over 200 attended the Witherswood Angus stud sale on Friday.
PHOTOS: Emma Hillier



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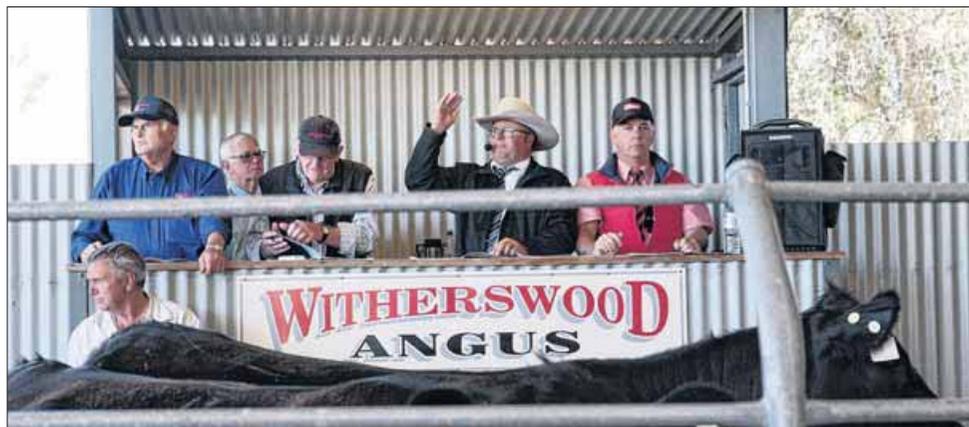
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GOING, GOING: Auctioneer Michael Glasser (second from right) accepts another bid during the Witherswood Angus stud sale. Also following the bidding were (from left) Kevin Sanderson, Kevin Norris, John Woodruff and Jim Bruce with Witherswood manager Ian Peake in the foreground.



AIN'T SHE SWEET: One of the Millah Murrah Kingdom K35 heifers under the hammer at the Witherswood Angus stud sale.



THERE'S ONE: Hayden Ridgers spots a bid.