

LIVESTOCK

Mandayen breaks national top price

SALE SUMMARY

	2022	2021
Offered	37	31
Sold	35	31
Top	\$42,000	\$18,000
Av	\$12,857	\$11,290

MANDAYEN has set a new benchmark for the country after selling a Limousin bull for \$42,000 at their on-property sale at Keith last week.

The stud sold 35 Limousin bulls from 37 offered to the new national breed record top price, and averaged \$12,857 - a significant increase on the stud's 2021 sale when bulls sold to \$18,000 and averaged \$11,290.

The \$42,000 top price bull - Mandayen Kingmaker R65 - was a son of Oakleigh Kingmaker K5 and out of Mandayen Nicky's Prize K41.

It was bought by Mount Pleasant Limousins, Forbes, NSW.

The bull had estimated breeding values of +30 for 200-day weight, +51 for 400-day weight and +74 for 600-day weight, which were all in the top 5 per cent for the breed, while its scrotal size of +0.2 was in the top 1pc.

It also scored +1.6 for eye muscle area and +0.2 for rib fat.

Mandayen retained a 25pc semen share.

In just their second time buying from the stud, Jack Whitty, Mount Pleasant Limousins, said he and his parents and fellow stud principals - Sherrie and Luke Whitty - were very happy about the purchase.

"It is everything we're looking for going forward in our stud," he said.

"We were definitely chasing a homozygous polled and homozygous black bull and it ticked all the boxes



RECORD SALE: Buyers Jack and Sherrie Whitty, Forbes, vendors Damian and Mandy Gommers, Keith, and auctioneers Jono Spence and Ross Milne.

both on and off paper.

"It was more of a traditional type of Limousin and was exhibiting a good muscle pattern."

Although they were not expecting to spend \$42,000 at the sale, Mr Whitty said the bull was worth the money.

"At the end of the day, when you get to your limit and you're nearly there, you're better off to pay a little extra to get the animal that's going to improve your program as quick as possible than miss out," he said.

"We're definitely going to use it in-herd, most probably over our predominant cow herd and then we will push it as an AI sire potentially, as well and try and sell a fair few straws privately."

Mr Whitty said they previously bought Mandayen Titus back in 2013 for \$13,000.

"It was probably one of the best sires we've ever used and left a real mark on our herd," he said.

"We're just really happy with the direction Damian's bringing his cattle - he's probably been at the forefront of Limousin genetics

and has a big focus on docility which is a lot like our herd at Mount Pleasant."

Confirmed by the Australian Limousin Breed Society as a price record, stud principal Damian Gommers was thrilled.

"We're over the moon to have that title," he said.

"But more importantly I think it shows confidence in our program.

"We've got a very loyal clientele who have been with us for a long time.

"We had a lot of repeat buyers this year, but also a lot of new Angus clients as well which shows that I think."

The sale's second-highest price of \$28,000 was paid by Tammit Station, Euston, Vic, for Mandayen Bubba Watson R52, sired by Ivy's Bubba Watson HTZ24B and out of Mandayen Nicky's Prize G2017.

While Mandayen Kung Fu R16 - sired by Mandayen Kung Fu N221 and out of Mandayen Jill P15 - sold for \$26,000 to New Day Limousin, Crookman, NSW.

Rockalen, Keith, and Innistail Investments, Nareen,

Vic, were the volume buyers for the Limousins, with three bulls each to an average of \$14,666 and \$6000 and a top of \$18,000 and \$6000 respectively.

Spence Dix & Co auctioneer Jono Spence said Mandayen's Limousin program was well regarded nation-wide for docility, carcass merit and softness.

"We had a lot of bidding on AuctionsPlus and people on phones from all over Australia on the Limousins because people are wanting those stud bulls and we saw a lot of repeat buyers including a couple that have probably bought bulls here for over 20 years," he said.

"Bulls that were most popular were homozygous polled and homozygous black.

"Damian is very gifted cattleman, and he will continue to improve the data set and I think this stud will continue to gain popularity."

Auction duties were shared by Mr Spence and Elders Vic stud stock manager Ross Milne.

- KATIE JACKSON



BEAUTY: Nathan, Anthony and Alex McCarthy, Mandy, Zoe and Damian Gommers, Jono Spence and Ross Milne.

Paratrooper Angus bull flies to \$40k

SALE SUMMARY

	2022	2021
Offered	70	62
Sold	68	58
Top	\$40,000	\$26,000
Av	\$14,382	\$10,465

SUCCESS in Mandayen's annual bull sale continued into the Angus lots, reaching \$40,000 to top SA Angus Week at Keith last week.

The top bull, Mandayen Paratrooper R477, at lot 40 was bought by McCarthy Livestock, Lucindale.

Sired by NMMP15 Millah Murrah Paratrooper P15 and out of MANL437 Mandayen Abigail L437, its figures showed great calving ease and growth, with an eye muscle area of +6.8, an intramuscular fat score of +2 and a rib fat score of +0.7.

The bull also recorded +53 for 200-day weight, +97 for 400-day weight and +123 for 600-day weight.

Mandayen retained a 25pc semen share for in-herd use.

Stud principal Damian Gommers said Mandayen Paratrooper R477 was a beautiful bull.

"It's sired by [Millah Murrah] Paratrooper - everyone's now starting to recognise the

breeding and Paratrooper sons everywhere are selling very well," he said.

"It has beautiful calving ease bull and I think that's what people are after, as well as softness and phenotype."

Speaking on behalf of the top price Angus bull buyers, Ronnie Dix, Elders Lucindale, said Mandayen had exactly what McCarthy Livestock were looking for.

"We were looking for heifer bulls when we came here with low birth weight and high growth," he said.

"We wanted to buy a couple of stud bulls here that we to plan draw from and AI all of our heifers this year."

Mandayen Command R428 was also a hot favourite on the day, bought for an impressive \$38,000 by WV James & Son, Lucindale, while half-brother Mandayen Command R442 was sold for \$32,000 to Bull Oak Well, Pinnaroo.

Rockalen, Keith, was the volume buyer on the day, taking home three Angus and three Limousin bulls to a top of \$30,000 for Mandayen Command R456 and an average of \$18,666.

- KATIE JACKSON



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The Gommers Family would like to sincerely thank all buyers, underbidders and people that have helped out throughout the season and helped make this such a successful sale

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Mandayen Paratrooper R477 sold for \$40,000 to McCarthy Livestock, Lucindale



Mandayen Kingmake R65 sold for an Australian Limousin record price of \$42,000 to Mount Pleasant Limousin stud, Forbes, NSW

***Special mention:** Mandayen Comand R428 sold for \$38,000 to WV James & Son, Lucindale
Mandayen Command R442 sold for \$32,000 to Bull Oak Well Stud, Pinnaroo