



The top-priced ram at Karbullah ram sale was Boyanga 85165, with a price of \$2400. Displaying the ram are owners, James and Rod Hetherington, Dirranbandi, Queensland; AWN Pastoral Queensland manager, Bill Cowley, and principal of Karbullah Polls and Boyanga Meateor Merinos, Mark Murphy, Goondiwindi, Qld.

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All rams were sold into commercial operations, ranging from the Northern Tablelands to as far as Winton, in Queensland's north.

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■ **PICTURED:** Top-priced ram at Karbullah; "Boyanga 85165" who sold for \$2400. L-R: Buyers James and Rod Hetherington, Dirranbandi, AWN Pastoral Queensland's Bill Cowley, and Karbullah principal, Mark Murphy, Goondiwindi.



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Annual ram sale helps growers share the vision

Karbullah sale

KARBULLAH Poll and Boyanga Meateor Merino Stud's Mark and Vicki Murphy held their annual merino stud sale last Monday in Goondiwindi.

A total of 110 rams averaged \$1065 up from 2008 when the average was \$931.

A total clearance was reached and all rams were sold into commercial operations from the Northern Tablelands to the western plains of New South Wales and up as far as Winton, in Queensland's north.

Shane and Jodi Axford, "Blairmore", Winton were volume buyers taking home a total of 15 rams from the sale with an average of \$1653, topping the poll ram section of the sale with a price of \$2300.

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"The Murphy's rams and service are second to none - they're perfect wool and mutton sheep for our operation."

The Hetherington family at "Nindi Thanna", Dirranbandi, paid top price of \$2400 for a Boyanga horn ram that had Australian Sheep Breeding

Values (ASBV's) of Clean Fleece Weight: 19, Eye Muscle Depth: 1.6, and with a 18.3 micron wool.

Ray Williams, from "Gloaming Pastoral Company", Garah, purchased 13 wool rams, with excellent carcass data, to a \$700 average.

Shane and Andy Murphy of "Old Boyanga" Mungindi, purchased 10 rams to a \$1040 average while Ken and Debbie Moon of "Avon Downs", Burren Junction, took a further 7 rams to average \$1042.

Doug and Debbie Murphy of "Bethelen", Thallon secured 10 rams for an average of \$730.

The Murphys said all clients were supplied with data - including birth type, scrotal measurements, Sheep Genetics Australian Sheep Breeding Values for Clean Fleece weight, yearling weight, fat, eye muscle depth and worm egg counts - as well as wool data on fibre diameter, comfort factor and curvature.

His data is used extensively by their clients to select futures sires for the commercial wool and prime lamb production operations. Selling agents on the day were AWN Pastoral Company represented by Bill Cowley from Brisbane.



James and Rod Hetherington, Dirranbandi with top price ram of \$2400, together with Cowley, AWN Pastoral and principal Mark Murphy, Karbullah Goondiwindi.