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Raff Angus Bull Sale success after 5-year auction absence...

Following their last sale in Queensland when celebrating their 50th year of breeding Angus Seedstock the Raff Family held an Online only bull sale on September 21st 2020.

Bulls were transported from King Island to Corowa, NSW early July and managed by property owners Murk and Kate Schoen. 'Without their professional approach and attention to detail while looking after our bull sale group the result would not have been made possible. They treated them as their own and for that we were very grateful', Andrew Raff commented.

Promoted as *a Pedigrees with a Difference with Performance on the Hook Bull Sale* the sale was conducted by Chris Norris of Elite Livestock Live In-room Online Auction and managed and auctioned by GTSM Sales Manager Michael Glasser.

Repeat buyers and loyal agent support from Costello Rural of Corryong, Victoria underpinned the sales success.

Lot 1 sold for top price of \$20,000 to the Paton Family of Corryong. They are true bullock producers, grass fed, and understand that weight is still the ultimate driver for profitability. Their purchase was the result of an embryo from our heaviest weighing and most docile natured donor cow Raff Blackbird J173 and by US sire ONeills Frontiersman.

Lot 3 was the second high selling bull at \$19,000 going to Ireland Grazing Co at Walcha. Raff Neptune P178 was the first son of a Raff homebred sire that contained outcross genetics from Denmark and the Hoff Scotch Cap genetic line imported from cows purchased from South Dakota in 2006.

The last lot in the sale became the 3rd high seller at \$18,000. He created strong online interest prior to sale day so was moved forward in order to sell between listed lots 2 & 3. Ironically several clients keen on this lot lost internet connection during his sale and to repeat client Geoff Murphys good fortune he seized bidding rights to take Raff Henry P433 home to Yerong Creek, NSW. The dam of P433, Raff Blackbird E280, also produced the \$34,000 Sydney Feature Show & Sale top priced bull in 2019. Another son, by Raff Empire E269, sold to Londavra Angus Stud Tasmania for \$12,000 in 2013.

Top End Partnership from Blackwater took three top quality sires for an average of \$9,500. The Goodwin Family run what is now considered a pure Angus herd within ticky country having purchased their first Raff bull in 2004. Good friends to Top End Clint and Karen Smith from Rolleston selected three good value bulls to average \$6,000.

Revilo Livestock at Mitchell, QLD returned to purchase four. Bone, capacity with spring of rib, muscle with width of top line and backend hip to pin shape where all traits sort in their selection. Something they considered had been lost over recent years from the selection of paper cattle.

Charles and Cass Kimpton of Toora West at Glenthompson, VIC discovered lot 44 when flicking through the individual lot photos. Raff Parson P412 is sired by an outcross United Kingdom sire from magnificent donor cow Raff Doris K129. Astute cattlemen and very selective in their sire choices animals must have frame size, strength and length of top line, extra neck extension and ultimately weigh heavy before any consideration.

Costello Rural were extremely active during the sale taking back to the Corryong district eight bulls split between themselves and clients. In the past they would annually make the trek up to Drillham, QLD for our annual on-property sales. Over the last 5 years they have visited us here on King Island. This year it was a simple drive to Corowa for bull inspection reduced to a lunch at their office watching a computer screen for bidding sale day – no long car drives heading north full of banter and no King Island crayfish. Sorry Crowley!!

New clients Steve Dobinson, Neville Moss and Tony Moore from mainland and Peter Goss from Tasmania all took bulls home. We thank their trust from conversations and hope their investments meet their expectations.

Jonathan Carson from Karara, QLD selected two heifer bulls. The Carson family have purchased a number of bulls over the past decade. Dad's family resided at Karara with his first property purchase, not far from the Carson's, becoming home to the Forres Angus Stud established in 1965.

The Wilkinson's from Messines at Guyra, NSW selected lot 16 for \$9,000. Darcy, Mary and son Nick have been tremendously loyal clients. They are astute cattlemen etched in our history books as having purchased our highest priced sale bull ever from a sale in 2012 for \$40,000. Over many years they have purchased our very best with lot 16 selected specifically for heifers.

Eli and Michelle Vogel of Charlton Park, Clermont continued their support with the purchase of two quality bulls at auction. In the car heading to the east coast of Queensland for a well-earned holiday with their three young daughters in the back they were lucky to get the two due to limited mobile connection on the side of the road. Of recent years they have purchased numerous bulls sight unseen having established a relationship on trust and integrity – something we are very grateful for.

All up the sale was a resounding success in what has been a trying and turbulent environment. 31 bulls sold at auction to average \$9,550. There were 47 bidders with 99 viewers during the Live In-room Online Auction. There were 5,619 individual hits on lot videos for an average of 144 views per lot.

Thank you to everyone who made the sale such a success. We appreciate your support.

Andrew & Anna Raff