

Waradgery Coopworths

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WARADGERY Coopworths and South Suffolks held their first open cry auction last Thursday after two years of Helmsman auctions with very pleasing results. Recording a total clearance of the 70 Coopworth Rams offered to a top of \$2100 and selling four of the first offering of South Suffolk Rams.

The total clearance of 70 Coopworth rams sold to a top of \$2100 and averaged \$1083 while four of the 12 South Suffolk rams sold to \$800 to average \$725.

The top price ram was found in Lot 1 and was knocked down to Howard and Mark Templeton, Tahara Bridge, for \$2100.

“This ram is by the NZ AI sire, NZ MNCC 120407, who is a trait leader for fertility. We are happy to be bringing in this new sire line,” Mr Templeton said.

“He has the highest indexes out of all the catalogued rams while also holding a great phenotype”.

This ram recorded a birth weight of 0.61 kilograms through to a post weaning weight of 14.3kg with a fat depth of -1.4 and Eye muscle depth of -0.4.

Waradgery principal Tim Johnston mentioned this ram also has a very strong maternal line. As his grandam produced 10 lambs in five years, including two to three stud rams and one daughter, being this rams dam, now she has also produced a top priced son.

Howard and Mark are repeat clients to Waradgery being a great support again, purchasing a total of eight rams to average \$1412.

Other volume buyers on the day where Puunyart purchasing 10 rams to average \$945, Northcott Partnership with eight rams to average \$918 and Alistair Sutherland and Will Allen both with five rams to average \$1380 and \$1120 respectively.

Mr Johnston said he was very pleased with their sale result on the day. "It is our first auction so I am pleased with the results, we had plenty of repeat and new buyers on the day," he said. "With the price maintaining throughout the sale which shows the depth of quality of the entire draft of rams.

“It was our first offering of the South Suffolk rams, we will continue to grow this operation which will provide earlier maturing lambs from younger ewes for our clients.”

Heath Templeton, Southern Grampians Livestock, said the sale had an outstanding result for its first auction.



Dylan Praolini, Southern Grampians Livestock holds the top price ram with Waradgery's Tim Johnston and buyers Mark (left) and Howard Templeton.