

## Monreid Simmental Stud Disperses after 35 Years

For Rory and Patricia Murphy the dispersal sale of their Monreid Simmental stud closed a chapter in their lives but opened opportunities to explore new life challenges.

They started their Simmental breeding program when the first Simmental entered the country some 35 years ago, embarking on the slow but solid process of grading up from their Hereford herd.

Over the years they achieved numerous show successes with their breeding cattle and in hoof and hook competitions.

Several years ago they sold one of their bulls, Monreid Yardstick to Tony and Glenis Thompson, New Zealand, who have enjoyed enormous successes with him in NZ.

The Monreid Dispersal was attended by many stud and commercial breeders from NSW, Qld and Vic. In opening the sale, Simmental Association Chief Executive Officer, Peter Speers paid tribute to the solid results the Murphy's had achieved over such a long period of time and for their contribution to the promotion of the Simmental breed in Australia.

The sale grossed over \$186,000 with the highlight being the line of well presented cows and calves, selling to \$6,000 to average \$2,739.

Top price of \$6,000 was paid by Rob & Viv Laycock, Clay Gully Simmentals, Esk, Qld for Lot 7, Monreid Lupin W433 a 5 year old cow by Waterfront Tasman out of Monreid Lupin S347. They also paid second top price of \$4,500 for Monreid Pearl X467, also sired by Waterfront Tasman.



*Monreid Principal, Rory Murphy with buyers of the top priced lot, Rob & Viv Laycock, Clay Gully Simmentals, Esk, Qld and Peter Speers, CEO, Simmental Australia.*

Rodney & Elisabeth Skene, Meldon Park Simmentals, Dalby, Qld purchased 6 cows and a heifer for a total \$19,000.

New stud breeder, Paul Davis, Allambie Simmentals, Piallaway, NSW selected 5 cows and calves for a \$2700 average.

New junior stud breeders, Jesse and Jacob Bezwarchny, 2'Js Simmentals, Hannam, NSW selected 3 cows and calves for a \$2917 average and 2 heifers for a \$3,250 average.

Lindesay and Janet Allan, Noanga Simmentals, Curlewis, NSW selected 3 cows and calves for a \$2917 average and a heifer for \$1250.

The sale provided valuable genetics for the many buyers present seeking Simmentals with a depth of breeding background.

**Summary**

	No Sold	Top	Average	Gross
Cow & Calf	44	6,000	2,739	120,500
Heifer_2yr	9	3,000	2,167	19,500
Heifer Wnr-Ylg	14	3,750	1,768	24,750
Bulls Registered	7	2,250	1,714	12,000
Bulls_Unregistd	4	2,000	1,750	7,000
Embryo (price each)	2	150		300
Semen (price each)	177	50		2,495
				186,545



*Top priced lot at the sale was lot 7, Monreid Lupin W433, pictured with her 3 months old polled heifer calf, Monreid Lupin C562 (P) by Langton Gate Zack.*