

Karawi Hill
MURRAY GREY STUD



THE PREMIER SALE, OUR FIRST AUCTION SALE

Well the end of the financial year has been and gone its time to look forward to another year of GST, BAS & TAX, how great! On the other hand looking back had some hidden bonuses for the McGoldrick's Karawi Hill Murray Grey Stud during 2005-2006 that we thought we would like to share with our Murray Grey friends in this south coast area.

Catherine, "The Boss", decided that we would take two heifers to the "Premier Sale" at Wodonga in October 2005. She selected the heifers Karawi Hill Devine & Karawi Hill Carol and started to put the work into them. They had to be taught to lead as we intended to take them down there on the horse float. Both these heifers were by our stud bull Karawi Hill Ultimate, we thought they looked pretty good, when they arrived they were quite dirty after the 6 hour drive and had to be washed immediately. Next day was spent grooming and getting ready for the sale. The vendors at the sale had a meeting with the auctioneers to agree upon a floor price. The agents suggested \$800 for the unjoined heifer section. We were disappointed as we had decided that we wouldn't take anything under \$1200, anyway we were there so there wasn't much choice but to agree and hope for the best. This was the first time we had sold Karawi Hill Stud cattle at an auction sale, all sales in the past had been

on the farm. Sale day came and Catherine led each heifer into the sale ring (most cattle were unled). We were very impressed when KH Devine Z4 was bid to \$2600 and KH Carol Z9 to \$2900. It made it all worthwhile, we topped the unjoined section and breathed a sigh of relief after looking at \$800 each. One of the best points to come out of it was that Mount View Stud owned by Alan Pate a long established stud was the buyer. Just prior to the Premier Sale and after the Murray Grey Conference in WA, we had three American Murray Grey breeders call in to inspect our cattle. They were impressed with our sale heifers and said they were as good as or better than the heifers they had seen in WA, which was very encouraging with the sale only a couple of weeks away. It was interesting to note that the American breeders said that over there they move their cattle around the show circuit on gooseneck cattle trailers they don't use trucks. Most of the time they travel long distances and the front sections are fitted out like a caravan. On arriving home between then and the end of January most of our time was taken up getting our show team ready for their first show. The Berry Show. We exhibited 3 heifers and 1 bull plus Ryan's heifer. The results were:

KH Outback—Supreme Beef Bull

KH Kate—1st in class

KH Kathryn—1st in class

KH Evelyn—1st in class

True Style Roberta—1st in class

Pair of interbreed females 1st

1st breeders group

After the Berry Show, Catherine decided to take the team onto Nowra Show where they obtained:

KH Outback—Supreme Beef bull of show

KH Kathryn—Res Senior Champ British Breed Female (won against cows with calves at foot)

KH Evelyn—2nd in class

KH Kate—4th in class



Supreme Murray Grey Exhibit Canberra Royal 2006

Karawi Hill Outback

STORY CONTINUED...

We dropped Ryan's heifer out of the Nowra Show as she put on a little turn at Berry Show where I received abit more of a bent nose than I already had, she missed out on Canberra because of that too, a pity really as she is a great female.

The interesting thing that happened before Berry Show was that we sold our young show bull KH Outback to Roger & Glenda McIntosh of the Myanga Stud, Crookwell and Steve Robertson of the Bennooka Park Stud at Bemboka near Bega, we retained a third share in the bull. We were pleased to be able to sell KH Outback to these long established and respected studs, our breeding program is paying dividends. Its only taken 33 years, so whats the rush, it took Australia that long to get where they did in the Soccer World Cup.

The Canberra Show was very rewarding we took 3 heifers KH Kate age 16 months, KH Kathryn age 21 months & KH Evelyn age 24 months as well as KH Outback aged 21 months, we exhibited the bull on behalf of Myanga Stud, Bennooka Park Stud and ourselvesm the heifers took out a first ribbon, a second and a fourth ribbon. The bull was the surprise package, he won his class, became senior champion, grand champion and went onto be Supreme Murray Grey Exhibit of the 2006

Canberra Show. In another class "The breeders group of 3" our stud took out first prize. We went home very happy. Both Amba & Ryan worked with us in Canberra.

In 2005 our son Ryan won Junior Champion Bull at Canberra with True Style Dominator, a bull he bred at home. Ryan's stud name is "True Style", he sold dominator to Steve Robertson of Bennooka Park Stud while at the show.

After Canberra the cattle and us had a break before we were to go onto the Royal Easter Show in Sydney. We arrived in Sydney on Thursday the 13th April before Easter and the judging wasn't on until Easter Sunday, it's a long wait. We met up again with our Murray Grey Breeder friends and the time went quick. Amba came along and slept up on top of the lockers to keep an eye on the cattle overnight, we roughed it at the Ibis Motel. We were there 8 days, a fair effort we thought looking after 3 heifers and a bull. I must admit, that personally I was very confident for KH Outback, there were a few omens that said this is going to be it. Firstly it was exactly 20 years since we won Grand Champion Bull with KH Blockbuster in 1986 and another thing, it was the year of the "Outback", he was a good bull and after the big win at Canberra, why would you think otherwise, but more on

that later. Show day came and Catherine & Amba had the cattle looking great. First into the ring was KH Kate who scored our first blue ribbon we thought great we can go home now. Next in was KH Kathryn who gave Catherine (The Boss) a tough time as she didn't want to leave her mates, infact the nose clip broke but she must have stood still long enough for the judge to award her a blue ribbon, we thought this was terrific. Then we sent KH Evelyn in and guess what, another blue first ribbon, we couldn't really ask for more and we still had the bull to go.

When the female classes had finished Catherine proudly led KH Outback in his class. But guess what, when we couldn't ask for more that's exactly what we got, (nothing more). The judge was looking for a different type of Murray Grey bull on the day and our bull didn't fit his criteria. "Oh well", that's show business.

We were so pleased with the effort to provide a top line of females that it helped us get over the pain.

After Sydney Show KH Outback went from the show-ground straight to Steve Robertson's Bennooka Park Stud at Bemboka to start getting Steve's cows in calf.



TRUE STYLE DOMINATOR

"Eight days was a long time to be at the Easter Show for us & the animals."



**Breeders Group of Three
Canberra Royal 2006**

Then in early June, Steve delivered him to Myanga Stud at Crookwell to cover 35 cows for Roger & Glenda McIntosh, pretty cold weather up there, we are sure he will have his first experience with snow this winter.

Our next adventure was to the Murray Grey National Show & Sale in Wodonga during April. We took KH Evelyn to present her to the market. She was placed first in Canberra and first in Sydney, she sold to Murray Grey breeders from Victoria Mr & Mrs Woodall from the Bunker Farm Stud for \$3750. KH Evelyn was placed third in her class in the show section of the sale, she was in calf to True Style Dominator and we are waiting for news of the arrival of the calf.

Our last murray Grey Sale for 05-06 was the Inagural NSW Murray Grey Breeders Sale at Forbes on the 9th of

June in the new selling complex "What a Place" it must have been about 4 acres under roof with press button gates and all mod cons. The theory was that the Southern Highlands Murray Grey Group would take the cattle to the hub of beef in the west and sell bulls and females to the regions breeders. Unfortunately there was not a green blade of grass in the area which made it a tough sale for bull breeders, top price bull made \$4250 most bulls were ideal for commercial breeders, some were passed in. Females completely sold out with a top sale price of \$5000. We sold our heifer KH Christabel aged 23 months in calf to True Style Dominator for \$1000 to R & J Martin of Tharwa NSW. But glad to say it was a great social occasion with most of the breeders we know in attendance. The agents said the commercial section was up quite a bit on the other sales in the area. On the way home we dropped our stock trailer

off at Wagga Wagga for some changes to the rear drop down door.

We also called at Tombango Stud at Tarcutta on the way back and met farm manager Ian Parsons a very helpful person who has been selling off the stud cattle, as the farm is on the market. We purchased 5 cows which we will use in our receiptant program later this year.

Just very quickly to finish off, we have purchased a 25 acre block from our next door neighbor which will allow us to run 70 breeders and their progeny, so it looks like we are here to stay at Jaspers Brush. We intend to send out one newsletter each year, hope you enjoyed the read and don't forget we are always pleased to receive visits from other murray Grey Breeders just phone 0412 604 059 or the home line 44486165.



KARAWI HILL ULTIMATE

"At Forbes females completely sold out with a top sale price of \$5,000."

THE THREE SYDNEY SHOW HEIFERS



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Karawi Hill was established at Foxground on the South Coast of NSW in 1973. They have consistently promoted and shown Murray Grey Cattle since that time.

Greatest Moments:

1986: Grand Champion
Bull - Sydney Royal

1987: Junior Champion
Heifer—Sydney
Royal

2004: Grand Champion
Female—Canberra Royal

2005: Junior Champion
Bull—Canberra Royal— True
Style Dominator

2006: Supreme Murray
Grey Exhibit—Canberra
Royal

2006: 3 firsts with
heifers—Sydney Royal

FOR SALE



BELLBOWRIE KATHRYN

Embryo's available from this
superior female are
available for purchase



COMING SOON!

Embryos available from
THOLOGOLONG
KAMBALA X
MONTEREY GOTCHA

FOR SALE

**8 STUD & COMMERICAL
BULLS**

**RANGING FROM 9 MONTHS
TO 18 MONTHS**