

Banquet Angus Spring Bull Sale 4th September 2017

34 bulls offered and sold. \$7,617 average. \$18,000 top price.

With over 30 registered bidders and approximately hundred people in attendance, Banquet Angus held their spring bull sale on a cold and blustery day at the Mortlake saleyards. Stephen Branson and family welcomed all and wished the buyers well with their purchases. Buyers came from four states to bid on the well grown, well-muscled bulls on offer.

Top price of \$18,000, Banquet Lex L172 by Millah Murrah Jupiter J194 was purchased by SP & NJ McLeod . Steven McLeod liked the depth of body, overall shape, excellent growth figures – 200 day +47, 400 day + 84 and 600 day +121 and high milk +17. The McLeod family who are spring calvers like to buy their bulls in the spring, ready to use. They also bought at last year's Banquet September sale paying second top price of \$14,000.

The sale got off to a good start with Lot 1, Banquet Lithgow L251 by the USA sire S Chisum 6175, a very high growth bull, selling to B & A Stephens, Buckley Swamp, Vic for \$14,000.

Tasmanian Livestock Consulting agent, Cade Ebdan, buying for long term client Tom Shoobridge, Cleveland Cattle, Ouse paid \$12,000 for Banquet Literally L509, a bull from which the Banquet stud retained semen. Repeat buyers BJ & DJ Pitt from Coonawarra, SA also paid \$12,000 for Banquet Lime L446, a powerful headed, deep bodied bull with excellent scrotal development by Duncan D412. Another bull to make \$12,000, Banquet Logic L520 went to G,P & D Norman, Wangaratta. This bull is by Aberdeen Estate Homer H70 a son of which sold earlier in the year for \$30,000 to the well-known Toora West herd. The top autumn drop bull Banquet Museum M122 out of a Banquet Champagne female also sold for \$12,000 to Lealla Partnership, Macarthur.

Regular buyers Tauroma Farming, Moree NSW continue to purchase Banquet bulls paying \$10,000 each for Lots 6 & 7, sons of Banquet Forbidabull F485 and Banquet Gentleman G500. Both these bulls have the legendary Dream and Kite families on the dam side. Phil Canavan, Myamyn, Vic also went to \$10,000 for his purchase of Banquet Layby L164 a son of Millah Murrah Jupiter J194.

Volume buyer was Glenwood Pastoral Trust, Hawkesdale Vic, 3 bulls to \$6,000.

Auctions Plus also operated throughout the sale taking bulls to \$6,500.



Pictured are Steven McLeod and his daughter, Holly with Hamish Branson, Banquet and the top priced bull.