

Days Whiteface's Dubbo Show and Sale 2013

While Lachy and Lou Day and family were delighted with their Days Whiteface success at Wodonga, the 52nd Poll Hereford National Show & Sale at Dubbo was on another level of success altogether.

Last year the stud's top bull was injured just prior to the event, upsetting their team balance and subsequent results. There was no such trouble this year, with Lachy, Lou, Eva and Graham Day stamping their presence on the event with a record breaking return. They totally dominated with their team of five bulls in the pre-sale judging on Day 1, Monday 3rd June.

Rural Press's Miranda Kenny reported:

South Australian studs triumphed at the National Herefords Australia Show and Sale at Dubbo, New South Wales, on June 3 to 4, with Lachy and Lou Day, Days Whiteface, Bordertown, winning the broad sash for grand champion bull with Days Calibre G74.

The 1100 kilogram bull, sired by Allendale Waterhouse D1 (which was supreme Poll Hereford exhibit at the Sydney Easter Royal Show in 2009 as a calf, and sired the stud's top-price \$17,500 bull sold at their on-property auction earlier this year), was the top pick for judge Peter Croker, Bolong Herefords, Wagga Wagga, NSW, out of three "outstanding" divisional champion bulls.

"It was like splitting hairs," Mr Croker said.

"They were three outstanding bulls, but the grand champion just had that extra freedom up front – the closer you look, the better he gets. He had great balance in his structure and with his genetic makeup – he was the complete package."

The bull's Breedplan selection values were in the top 1 per cent for the European Union index at +118, Supermarket index at +103 and Grainfed Steer index at +111. He was also in the top 5 per cent for Grassfed Steer index at +97.

At just over two years old he also had an eye muscle area of 143 square centimetres with rump fat of 22, rib fat of 16 millimetres and a scrotal circumference of 47cm.

Principal, Lachlan Day said he was thrilled with how well the show and sale had gone.

"We've won 15 ribbons, including three for the President's Shield, with five bulls," he said.

"I'm thrilled with how it's gone today. This is the best I've ever done here."

Mr Day said Calibre already had calves on the ground.

"His sire Waterhouse has been breeding consistently well, but it's a bit early to say what Calibre's calves will do, but they look good so far."

Days Whiteface also won the junior champion bull ribbon with Days Caesar G313, and the reserve champion senior bull title with Days Brigadier G101. Days Whiteface entries were also placed first and second in the new EU performance class held at the event for the first time; with Calibre placed first and Brigadier second.



Senior & grand champion bull at the Dubbo National Poll Hereford Show & Sale was Days Calibre G74 held by Days principal Lachy Day. Holding the ribbon is Ben Kidd representing sponsor Virbac, while also pictured are judge Peter Croker, Wagga Wagga, NSW & Hereford Australia's board chairman, Steve Reid.



The ecstatic Day family with their senior and grand champion bull, Days Calibre G74. Graham Day holds the ribbon with Lachy and Lou Day on the right and their youngest daughter Eva kneeling. It was Eva's first Dubbo trip as a helper.



Lachy Day holds Days Caesar G313, the Days Whiteface junior champion bull at Dubbo. The ribbon is held by section sponsor Liona Elliot.



Two new performance classes were introduced into the Dubbo National Show classes this year. Days Whiteface gained champion and reserve in the first of these two classes, for EU suitability. David Copping and Lachy Day hold Days Brigadier G101 and Days Calibre G74 and are with sponsor Pat Pearce, Yarvanvale, Adelong, NSW, while Eva Day and Sam Parish hold the ribbons. These two bulls also won the senior and grand and reserve senior champion ribbons in the later judging.



Winning the prestigious President's Shield for three bulls was icing on the cake for Lachy and Lou Day, Days Whiteface stud, Bordertown. Their junior champion, reserve senior champion and senior and grand champion bulls combined to win this award and are held by Andrew Schwarz, David Copping and Lachy Day, while Eva Day holds the cup and sponsor representative Brad Wilson from The Land Newspaper holds their photographic trophy.



Landmark's John Settre presents the ribbon and trophy to Lachy Day for Days Whiteface being "The Most Successful Exhibitor" at Dubbo in a runaway result.



Days Calibre G74, the senior and grand champion bull from the 2013 Dubbo National Poll Hereford Show & Sale.

The main reason for attending Dubbo is to sell top quality bulls, hopefully for rewarding prices that reflect their quality.

The Days Whiteface show section success put them in with a good chance of sales success and that certainly proved to be the case, highlighted by a new Dubbo record top.

Miranda Kenny's report follows:

A record top price dawned at the two day Herefords Australia National Show & Sale at Dubbo, New South Wales, with the grand champion bull Days Calibre selling at \$90,000, up \$5000 on the record set a decade ago.

The previous record of \$85,000 was also set by the Day family, Bordertown, before their stud division and with Allendale National W168.

Calibre, weighing 1100 kilograms, created a buzz the minute he entered the shed, with many in the audience describing him as the "perfect sire".

Incredibly the record breaking sale opened with a \$40,000 bid, further bids flying thick and fast until Calibre was knocked down at \$90,000 to David and Olwyn Lyons, Melville Poll Hereford stud, Vasey, Victoria and Stephen and Jodi Peake, Bowen Poll Hereford stud, Barrabra, NSW in partnership.

Mr Lyons and Mr Peake had previously bought bulls in partnership and Mr Lyons said they had been looking for a sire to purchase together.

"It's not the most I've ever spent on a bull. I've bought one outright by myself for about \$60,000 previously," Mr Lyons said.

"He stood out with his body length, thickness, softness and his structural correctness. He also had very good Breedplan figures."

Underbidder, Steve Nolan of Nolaroo Poll Hereford stud, Taralga, NSW, later bought the bull that was reserve to the grand champion, Days Brigadier G101 and also sired by Allendale Waterhouse D1 at the equal second highest price of \$40,000.

Brigadier, weighing 975kg, had an EMA of 130cm, rump fat of 22mm and rib fat of 14mm.

The five Days Whiteface bulls averaged an amazing \$34,400, with their Junior Champion making \$17,000 to Noel & Rosie James, Mossvale stud, Qld; Days Blackberry G82 selling for \$18,000 to Injemira Beef Genetics, NSW and Ridgeview Herefords, Vic; and Days Cloncurry G322 selling to Winderadeen Corporation, NSW for \$7000. The overall sale averaged \$7016 in an 81% clearance.



Pictured with the \$90,000 Days Calibre are Landmark Barraba agent, Howard Carter representing Bowen Poll Herefords, David and Olwyn Lyons, Melville Park, Vasey, Vic, Lachy, Lou and Eva Day.



Days Brigadier G101 was the reserve senior champion and sold to the underbidder on the record bull for \$40,000. Pictured holding the bull is Lachy Day with buyers representing Nolaroo Poll Hereford stud, Taralga, NSW, Elders Goulburn's Steve Radley, Andrew Connor, and (kneeing) stud manager Daniel Tarlington. Nolaroo is owned by Steve Nolan.



Lachy Day holds the Dubbo junior champion bull, Days Caesar G313, sold for \$17,000 to Noel & Rosie James, Mossvale stud, Wandoon, Queensland.



The magnificent carcass bull, Days Blackberry G82 sold for \$18,000 to Injemira Beef Genetics, NSW and Ridgeview Hereford, Victoria in partnership.