

# Pyramid Poll tops private sales at \$25,000

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IT was not only in the sale pens at the Rabobank WA Sheep Expo & Sale at Katanning last week where WA Poll Merino sires were making an impression on buyers, there were also a few private sales negotiated to local studs.

The most significant of these was the sale of an upstanding, young Poll Merino sire on Friday afternoon from the Pickering family's Pyramid Poll stud, Cascade, for \$25,000, which set a new record price for the stud.

The buyer of the ram was the Blight family, Seymour Park stud, Highbury, with a semen share going to Colin Boughen, Kamora Park stud, Karoonda, South Australia.

The impressive two-tooth sire was originally pencilled in to be a stud reserve, but when Pyramid Poll stud principal Scott Pickering received the offer on the ram he couldn't knock it back.

The ram, is by East Mundalla 52, which was purchased privately in 2016 for \$30,000 by the Pyramid Poll stud.

It has wool figures of 20.8



micron, 2.6 SD, 12.5 CV and 99.8 per cent comfort factor and weighed 107kg at the beginning of July, while it has Australian Sheep Breeding Values of 22 ycfw, -0.2 yfat, -0.6 yemd, 3.9 ywt, 0.0 yfd and an MP+ index of 144.

Seymour Park stud principal Clinton Blight said the ram's Pyramid Poll and East Mundalla breeding introduced new bloodlines to their stud and had continued

to impress since first seeing the ram earlier in the year.

"I first saw him at Ashley Lock's open day, then again at Long Wool Day and he just keeps getting better and better," Mr Blight said.

"He is a well-balanced ram with a soft muzzle and magnificent white crimped wool that will handle plenty of weather on it.

"We have never used Pyramid Poll or East Mundalla in our breeding, but

Pyramid Poll and Derella Downs stud classer Paul Cousins (left), Burra, South Australia, Pyramid Poll and Derella Downs stud principal Scott Pickering, Cascade, buyer Clinton Blight, Seymour Park stud, Highbury, Nathan King, Elders stud stock and ram preparer Ashley Lock, Landmark Narrogin, with the Pyramid Poll ram that sold privately for \$25,000 to the Seymour Park stud and the Kamora Park stud (semen share), Karoonda, South Australia, at the Rabobank WA Sheep Expo & Sale at Katanning last week.

they are proven and I have seen plenty of their offspring around the place."

A \$10,000 offer as the Expo was wrapping up on Friday from Mianelup stud principal Elliot Richardson, Gnowangerup, was enough to secure the services of an impressive Poll Merino stud reserve from the Garnett family's Willemenup stud, Gnowangerup.

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