

Record results at Dalby Australian Stock Horse Sale 2021



THE partnership between Ray White Rural and Livestock and The Darling Downs Branch of the Australian Stock Horse society has solidified after its 47th event recorded significant results.

The Dalby Australian Stock Horse Sale records were broken at the close of day one. The event saw a total of 263 horses offered and 250 horses sold, with an average clearance rate of 94.4 percent. The average sale was \$19,324 totalling a gross of \$4,542,000, while two standout sales hit more than \$110,000.

The dedicated individuals who worked 24 hours during the unprecedented weather conditions to ensure the safety of all those attending said that without the camaraderie between Ray White and the Darling Downs team the event would not have seen the success it did.



Paul White, Ray White Rural & Livestock Chairman (*pictured above left with Ray White Rural Dalby's David Felsch and Matt Allan*) also attended the event and said the group's involvement in the day filled him with pride.

"The atmosphere is remarkable, and I am extremely proud of our people and they should be proud of themselves," Mr White said.

"Ray White Rural and Livestock cannot thank the team from Darling Downs branch of the Australian Stock Horse Society enough for the ongoing support they provide every year. The group is humbled to the chosen selling agent for such an outstanding event."

Darling Downs Australian Stock Horse Society president, Jim Ryan, was overwhelmed with the success of the event.

"It is the inarguable support and perseverance of all participants and sponsors, and the Ray White Rural and Livestock Network, that make the event what it is," Mr Ryan said.

Top priced mare Lot 100, Malua Tilly Devine (*pictured at top*), sold for \$114,000, breaking all previous records and was auctioned by Ray White Rural National Livestock Manager Paton Fitzsimons.

Meanwhile, top priced gelding Lot 182, Hazelwood Counterfeit (*pictured below*) sold for \$55,000 through auctioneer Bruce Birch of Ray White Rural NSW.



The top-price stallion, Lot 157, Royalle Extreme (*pictured below*) sold for \$45,000, with Blake O'Reilly of Ray White Livestock Guyra/Armidale conducting the auction and was purchased through Ray White Blackall.

The best price from day two was \$85,000 for Lot 170, the mare Hillgrove Black Label, also auctioned by Mr O'Reilly.

The online bidding platform StockLive proved a great asset at this year's event, generating 8,078 online viewers, 512 online buyers and 57 online purchases.



Ray White Rural Dalby principal David Felsch said Ray White's history of delivering excellent auction results was complemented by the demand for high-quality stock this year.

"It was great to see the confidence in the horse industry, with spirited bidding right to the end with horses selling to all states of Australia excluding Tasmania," Mr Felsch said.

Managing Director of Ray White Rural and Livestock Stephen Nell said he wasn't surprised by this year's figures.

"The results reflect the sentiment of the Australian market and economy since the beginning of the pandemic which has seen increased investment in the local industries, and agriculture in general," Mr Nell said.

"The success of the day is also testament to the partnership Ray White Rural and Livestock has with the Darling Downs Australian Stock Horse Society."

Ray White Rural National Livestock manager Paton Fitzsimons who was also the auctioneer for the event's highest sale said Ray White Rural and Livestock was again the talk of the equine industry.

"Our network's dedication to assist in facilitating an event our vendors, competitors and stakeholders are proud to participate in every year is outstanding. Our relationship with the Darling Downs Branch of the Australian Stock Horse Society continues to go from strength-to-strength each year," Mr Fitzsimons said.

Ray White Rural and Livestock is grateful for the ongoing partnership with the Darling Downs Branch of the Australian Stock Horse Society and looks forward to next year's event.

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