

Record breaking Gympie Female Sale

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The Kirk family of Hazelton Brahmans didn't wait long to part with the top money for Lot 5 at this year's Gympie Female Brahman sale held on Saturday, June 1.

The Gayndah-based stud paid \$57,500 for the 11 month old polled scurred grey heifer, Rockstar Monica 251 (IVF) (PS), which surpassed the previous record top price of \$55,000 set at last year's Gympie sale.

Sired by the imported American sire Mr 4F Accelerator 7/6 and out of Brahrock MS Massai Power 6832 (IVF), the unjoined heifer was described as a standout with a thick, deep flank and great polled head.

Offered by Stuart and Lynda Vollmerhausen of Rockstar Brahmans, Theebine, Monica was the top of their draft of grey females, with six selling for an impressive average of \$17,083.

The second top price of \$45,000 was paid by Bill Geddes, Doonside, Rockhampton, for Brahrock MS160 Power 7375 (IVF), a horned grey heifer, from Royce and Beryl Sommerfeld's Brahrock stud at Maryborough.

The unjoined 11 month old heifer was sired by BRC MR V8 160/8 and out of Brahrock MS Locke Power 5786 (IVF) (PS), and showed plenty of loose skin, a good deep body and tidy underline with a strong feminine polled head.

Brahrock sold 13 quality grey females for an average of \$8615.



Topping the red heifer draft was Brahrock HJ Ruby 56 (AI), a 26 month old horned heifer from Hayden Sommerfeld's Brahrock HJ stud, which sold for \$26,000 to Marsu Investments, at Baralaba, bringing Hayden's average for two females to \$17,500.

Other vendors, Mitchell and Hanna Redding, of Mianna Brahmans, Meringandan West, sold three grey heifers to a top of \$20,000, and averaged \$12,333.

Steve and Sharon Turner, of Y3K Brahmans, Calgoa, sold three red heifers to a top of \$22,000, averaging \$11,000.

The Australian Brahman Breeders' Association supported sale, which offered both red and grey genetics, grossed half a million dollars, with 83 of the 98 registered females selling to an average of \$6024, and representing an 84 percent clearance.



Top price heifer Rockstar Monica 251 (IVF) (PS) sold for \$55,000 to the Kirk family, Hazelton.



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