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## **Records broken at Hillcrest Ayrshires**

A massive crowd of Ayrshire enthusiasts from all over Australia were at Borallon, Queensland for the Complete Dispersal Sale of the Hillcrest Ayrshire Stud of Kevin and Sharon Smith. This exceptional herd was established by the Smith Family 106 years ago and has won countless Royal Show Champions and bred an incredible number of cows classified Excellent.

Sale top of \$21,000 was reached early in the sale when lot 4, Hillcrest Jumper Lorette 2, VG 88 broke the Breed record price selling to the famous Boldview Ayrshire Herd of the Braendler Family at Kalangadoo, SA. This magnificent 2<sup>nd</sup> calf 3 year old was backed by many generations of highly scored noted cows.

Her full sister Hillcrest Jumper Lorette, VG 88 sold at \$10,000 to A & A Crawford of Numbaa, NSW. Their dam Hillcrest Hammer Lorette, EX 92, 4E who had won many On Farm Challenge classes and is from an EX 91, 3E dam sold as lot 1 for \$9,000 to Munden Farms of Nilma, Vic. Other noted members of this maternal line included Hillcrest Roses Lorette an unjoined yearling at \$7,000 selling to Jake Mathews of Yarragon, Vic and Hillcrest Charleston Lorette a joined heifer and directly from Hammer Lorette selling at \$6,000 to Boldview, SA.

Second high seller of the sale at \$18,000 who also passed the Breed record price was the recently classified EX cow, Hillcrest Jumper Spirit, EX, this 5 year old is bred down from the famous Canadian cow, Kellcrest Happy Spirit, EX 93, 8E, she was selected by Jake Mathews of Yarragon, Vic.

Third high of the day was the exceptional 3 year old recently calved, Hillcrest Freebeer Sheena, VG 86, bred down through several EX dams back to Dalemere Clax Sand, EX (Imp.NZ). She sold at \$14,000 to Munden Farms, Vic.

Next high lot at \$13,100 was the recently scored EX cow Hillcrest Ambush Bangle. This tremendous quality 6 year old completes 5 gens of EX from the famed Rockvale – Parkvale Bangle family, she sold to Oakhampton Dairies of Colac, Vic. Her yearling daughter Hillcrest Charleston Bangle was the high selling unjoined heifer at \$9,400 selling to Eagles Partnership of Goolagong, NSW.

Many breeders admired the lovely uddered dry cow Hillcrest Gentle Rose, this stylish 3 year old backed by the World famous Parkvale Rose family sold at \$8,000 to Geelunga Ayrshires of Meadows, SA.

Top selling heifer calf at \$6,500 was the 5 month Hillcrest Charleston Sand bred from a VG dam and EX 91 grand dam she sold to James Dillon of Ruby, Vic. Keen young South Australian Breeders Ben and Caitlyn Hentschke purchased the equal top selling joined heifer at \$6,000 Hillcrest Poker Star from an EX 91, 3E dam.

The long established Werombi herd of B & M Hayter soon to be located at Wagga, NSW selected several lots including the Ex 91 cow Hillcrest Dreaming Disco at \$6,000.

Other noted sales included the smart yearling Hillcrest Roses Trice Sand from the EX 94 Trice Sand cow at \$5,250 selling to Saunders and Day of Yarragon, Vic and the 18 month unjoined heifer Hillcrest Gentleman Disco at \$5,000 to P & V Timbs of Jaspers Brush, NSW who also selected Hillcrest Jumper Magic a fresh calved 4 year old at \$4,750.

Hillcrest Dreamer Bangle, VG at \$4,500, Hillcrest Vicking Spirit, VG 86 at 2 years \$4,500 and Hillcrest Jumper Sand, VG 86 at \$4,000 each selling to J Dillon of Vic. Hillcrest Dreaming Spirit, VG at \$4,100 to Munden Farms, Vic. Hillcrest Reality Polkie-Poll, VG 89 at \$4,900 to J Schubert of NSW and Hillcrest Gentleman Sand at \$4,000 to Col Fahey, NSW.

Selling agents Dairy Livestock Services report the following details –

54 Cows av \$4,063 3 Joined heifers av \$4,443 18 Unjoined heifers av \$3,122 11 2019 born calves av \$2,314 1 Bull at \$2,000

87 Ayrshires gross \$316,350 Av \$3,636

4 embryo packages av \$1,075

This a new Breed record high price at \$21,000, the previous record stood at \$17,000

A new record for an average with the previous best at \$3,528 for 16 lots at IDW in 2015 and the high single vendor sale was \$3,061 at Invergowrie in 1993.