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STRONG commercial interest in whiteface cattle was evident at the Bush family's Kirraweena Glenholme Hereford and Poll Hereford sale at Cootamundra last Wednesday.

There was solid demand for the draft of Hereford and Poll Hereford bulls with 16 sold from the 20 head offered for a top price of \$7000 to average \$3375.

The best money was paid by commercial producers, Don and Marg McFadden, Lowanna Pastoral Company, Molyullah, Victoria, who secured Hereford bull Kirraweena Glen 2 for \$7000.

The rising two-year-old bull, a heifers first calf, was sired by Cuppa Chrysler and weighed 816 kilograms.

Glen 2 had Breedplan figures in the top 10 per cent for birth weight at +1.8, top five pc for intramuscular fat at +0.7, and was in the top one pc for rib fat and rump cover.

It had a eye-muscle-area measurement of 109, IMF measurement of 5.9, scrotal measurement of 39.5cm and measured 14 for rump and nine for rib fat.

The Wilkinson family, Humula, bought second heaviest bull in the catalogue, Poll Hereford bull Glenhome Gerard, which weighed 868kg for \$4500.

J and J Johnson, Bugaldie near Coonabarrabran, bought 816kg Poll Hereford bull Glenholme Gunner for \$4000.

Long-time client of the stud Dorothy Griggs, Araluen, bought Hereford bull Kirraweena Gavin for \$3500.

Jim O'Connell, Braidwood bought two Hereford bulls, including the heaviest bull in the catalogue Glenholme Gift which was 25-months-old and weighed 912kg for \$3000 and Glenholme Gabriel a younger bull at 17-month-old that weighed 644kg..

The Hereford and Poll Hereford unjoined heifers sold to a top price of \$1250 to average \$728 with 18 of the 27 offered sold under the hammer.

King Valley Partners, Young, paid the top price for rising-two-year-old unjoined heifer Kirraweena Matchless a daughter of Cuppa Chrysler and from Lowanna Jackpot.

John O'Brien, Elsternwick, Victoria, paid \$1100 for unjoined heifer Kirraweena Venus; Mr O'Brien also bought Hereford bull Kirraweena George 2 for \$3500.

P and E Lyne, Cootamundra, bought six Glenholme unjoined heifers for \$750 each and another two for \$600 each.

Jawilo Poll Hereford stud, Sandigo, bought eight Glenholme unjoined heifers for a top of \$650 to average \$631.

The cross-section of buyers travelled from Young, Tumut, Sandigo, Braidwood, Borenore, Coolac, Bugaldie, Rye Park, Humula, Gundagai, Araluen as well as the local area; while Victorian support came from Elsternwick, Cape Bridgewater, Molyullah, and Leongatha.

The sale was conducted by agencies Holman Tolmie and Landmark, with Holman Tolmie auctioneer Steve Tolmie selling the heifer portion while Andrew Wishart, Landmark, auctioned the draft of bulls.