

From the Sheep Yards

With the livestock industry abuzz with record cattle prices, lambs stole the spotlight yesterday with the region's best lambs competing for the JV Goodwin Memorial Shield.

Now in its 8th year, the annual sale and competition is held in memory of auctioneer, Jason Goodwin, who tragically passed away from a heart attack in 2008. Event Coordinator, Simon Burke says that the event is named after a "great sheep man, great agent and probably one of the best sheep auctioneers I have ever seen".

"The shield was named after Jason for his love of the industry, his love of his clients and his love of selling sheep and lambs," he said, adding that he was also a "helluva good bloke".

This year's title went to Barton Partnership, "Dunreath" Garoo for their pen of export weight (50+kg) lambs (pictured middle left). Barton lambs also won the medium trade category (45-49.5kg) while the light trade weight (40-44.5kg) title went to Janet Anderson, "Bobby Byrne", Garoo (pictured bottom left). Jason Goodwin's father, Terry, presented the shield to Colin Barton.

In a remarkable display of generosity Colin Barton donated the proceeds from the Grand Champion pen to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter with Ian Morgan selling the 20 lambs for \$400/head to Thomas Foods International and Fetchers. Other donations will see the WRHS \$10000 better off.



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LAMBS

Lambs sold to \$191 (\$170). Shorn lambs sold to \$200 (\$140) and young lambs sold to \$128 (\$155). 80 1st x ewe lambs (pictured left), October drop, April shorn, NSM sold by G&C made \$139.



SHEEP

Ewes and lambs (pictured) sold to \$200 for 43 Border Leicester x Merino ewes with 52 2nd x lambs at foot. They were sold by Pitt Sons on account Green Range Cattle Co, Walcha. 611 (128) ewes sold to \$129 (\$124) and averaged (\$75); wethers sold to \$137 and averaged \$108 (\$59) with 140 (344) sold and 30 (23) rams sold to \$106 (\$250) and averaged \$68 (\$91).



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