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Last shout for renowned Angus breeders

After more than two decades participating in Beef Week, this year will mark the final time John and Joan Woodruff open their gates for the annual event.

The Woodruffs, who run Taminick stud *Witherswood Angus*, made the decision to step away from the business and started to sell off their herd late last year.

“It’s a hard decision until you make it. It’s been a great journey,” Mr Woodruff said.

Having already undertaken a complete female dispersal sale, Mr Woodruff said the Beef Week open day would provide the perfect opportunity for people to see the stud’s 65 bulls that will go up for sale on March 19.

He said the March sale would be the final opportunity to purchase *Witherswood* bulls.

“Our cows have continued to produce top quality bulls and this year is no exception,” he said.

“Our open day is an opportunity to discuss your breeding program without the pressures of sale day.

“Our sale bulls have come

through a hard, dry season and present very well. It’s probably the most even line-up of bulls we’ve offered for sale.”

The focus on quality genetics has driven the Woodruffs and seen them purchase two record-breaking bulls — Kingdom K35 and Klooney K42 — at a *Milla Murrah* sale in September, 2015.

The \$150 000 the consortium, which included the Woodruffs, paid for Kingdom K35 was the highest amount paid for an Angus bull at the time.

Both Kingdom and Klooney will be on show during the open day, with Matauri Reality, Mar Innovation and Witherswood K0092 among the other bulls set to be offered for sale.

Mr Woodruff said visitors during Beef Week could expect to see “the usual *Witherswood* type”.

“Thickness, muscle, body length and bone, temperament. They’re ready to start work,” he said.

➤ ***Witherswood Angus* will hold its open day on Saturday, January 26 at 1185 Glenrowan-Boweya Rd, Taminick.**



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