



# Stud's positive dispersal

## WITHERSWOOD

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WITHERSWOOD Angus' John and Joan Woodruff have finally "shut the stockyard gate" on the stud, after 25 years in the industry.

This week's final dispersal sale saw the stud's remaining 63 bulls go under the hammer, finalising the complete dispersal of the Taminick herd.

The stud made headlines when it joined a consortium to buy Millah Murrah Kingdom K35 for \$150,000, the most ever paid for an Angus bull in Australia.

The Witherswood consortium also bought Millah Murrah Klooney K42 for \$80,000, the fifth-highest ever recorded for an Australian Angus bull at the time.

The sale included 18 Kingdom sons and three sired by Klooney.

"Our genetic base is second to none," Mr Woodruff said.

"Our foundation cows were purchased from Booroomooka Angus over 20 years ago, and we were one of the first Victorian breeders to buy from the very successful Millah Murrah Angus in NSW."

Despite not reaching a total clearance at auction, Mr Woodruff said he was still very pleased with the result.

"I'm always happy; it's a tough, tough market at the moment and people have sold a lot of cows," he said.

"We had a big crowd, it was one of the bigger crowds we have had for a sale.

"It was a goodbye to the industry we have loved."

When asked what he was going to do, Mr Woodruff quipped, "I'm going to buy a farm".

"But we have plenty of things to do; we will find things around to keep active, there is plenty to do in life," he said.

"We'll sell our property over the next few months when we get a break, and things green up a bit."

Mr Woodruff said he was pleased by the many people at the sale who were "delighted" to have been able to introduce Witherswood blood to their herds.

"It's nice to see the Witherswood brand follow through, with the genetics the new owners are using to get ahead," he said.

"We are so pleased to be able to go out of a good industry, leaving behind genetics that are second to none."



**SALE TOPPER:** Witherswood Klooney N0157 was knocked down to Mary and Bill Goldsworthy, Eurobin, for \$7250.



**TOP BUY:** Steven Street, Elders, Mary Goldsworthy, Eurobin, John and Joan Woodruff, and Bill Goldsworthy.



**FAMILY:** Members of the Woodruff family gathered from far and wide, including Peter, Les, George and Gerry Woodruff.



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**FINAL SALE:** Joan and John Woodruff, daughter Susie and son-in-law Rod North at the stud dispersal. Photos by Emily McCormack.