

Bos Park hits the bullseye at Centre sale

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The top selling Bos Park droughtmaster at Alice Springs bull sale 2012. (Caddie Brain)

A Bos Park droughtmaster took top price at the annual bull sale at the Alice Springs Show on Saturday.

Matt Bekker sold the bull to the Hayes family from The Garden Station for \$7700.

"We concentrated on bringing younger bulls up this year that are well grown out, and it paid off.

"For the bulls to get to breeding age at 12 to 16 months on the station where they're going to be working is of enormous value to the station owners and longevity of the bulls."

Auctioneer Tom Penna from Elders Stud Stock says the poll herefords remained strong in this year's sale also.

"The top prices this year went to a Minalcowie stud at \$7500.

"But prices were very strong with 21 poll herefords offered and sold, averaging \$5035.

"That's reward for breeders bringing up really top quality bulls."

Some local cattlemen thought prices were significantly less than in last year's sale where the top priced bull, a poll hereford stud, fetched \$11,500.

But Mr Penna disagrees saying the sale was on par with last year's prices.

"I don't think that's right.

"The total sale from 34 bulls sold averaged \$4750.

"They didn't average \$6000 last year.

"We did pass four bulls in, but today was fair value for the vendor and for the buyer."

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