



PRIZED DOUBLE: Elders Tumby Bay's Mark Bellenger; Melashdan stud principals Janice and Gary Fiegert; Quality Livestock's Tex O'Brien and Sean O'Brien, both from Wudinna; and Elders Tumby Bay's David McPharlin with the two sale-topping White Dorper rams.

Healthy Melashdan gains

MELASHDAN White Dorper Stud, Tumby Bay, Eyre Peninsula, had a welcome result at its second on-property auction, selling all 30 rams to a top of \$2600 twice.

The sale average stood at \$1331, a \$749 jump on last year.

The even and complete 2011-drop of 209 ewes were also sold to a top of \$190 and a healthy average of \$180.

The quality offering at the developing stud was sold under the Helmsman auction system.

Volume buyer of the day was LE&WD Schneider and CA&LM Povey Family Trust Cummins, who took eight to \$1400.

Other buyers included Landmark Ceduna, six rams to \$1350; Quality Livestock Wudinna, three to \$2600 and 30 ewes to \$190; and RM & EE Telfer & Sons, Ungarra, two to \$1450 and 97 ewes to \$180.

Sale summary

	Rams	Ewes
■ Offered	30	209
■ Sold	30	209
■ Top	\$2600	\$190
■ Av	\$1331	\$180

Melashdan bought the 2011 Royal Sydney show champion White Dorper ram – tag 1124 – from the Highveld White Dorper stud, Mendooran, New South Wales, which was also the Sydney show's most successful White Dorper exhibitor.

Elders Tumby Bay's Mark Bellenger said the stud's new sire was a "full shedding and most extreme muscled ram".

Studmaster Gary Fiegert was pleased with the total clearance that went to both repeat clients and many new buyers.

• Report courtesy Elders Tumby Bay