

Lightweight lambs from Garoo take title

“Like a good sort that takes your eye and makes you look again” - that’s how the judges described the winning pen of lambs at TRLX today for the Spring Lamb Show and feature sale and awarding of the Jason Goodwin Memorial Trophy.

For the first time in the event’s 8 year history the prestigious title of Grand Champion Pen of Lambs was taken out by a pen of light weight lambs (40-44.5kg) entered by Ken Richardson, “Kendell” Garoo. It’s the second time that Ken will see his name on the shield after also winning the first title in 2008.

Ken won the best pen of light weight lambs and overall champion with his 3-4 month old lambs, straight off their mothers, out of Poll Dorset rams from the Marshall familys’ Abelene Park Poll Dorset stud, Woolomin. They were auctioned by Daniel McCulloch of DCM, Tamworth and purchased by Thomas Foods International for \$188.

Last year’s winners, Tony and Kathy McCulloch, “Noorumboon”, Garoo backed up to defend their title but were “pipped at the post” by their neighbor, Ken. They won the medium weight (45-49.5kg) trade lambs with their 18-20 week old lambs, also by Abelene Park rams. They sold through DCM for \$162 with Tony saying the feature sale is a great day – “regardless of whether you win, lose or draw”.

Werris Creek producer, Craig Pike won the export weight (50+ kg) category with his lambs going on to sell through Ian Morgan Livestock (IML) for \$170.

Event coordinator, Simon Burke says that Jason Goodwin was a “really good young fella” who certainly knew his lambs and was highly regarded by many, hence the naming of the shield in his honour.

Judging panel spokesman, Brian Wellings from Fletcher International said that the winning pen caught his eye straight away for being true to type, well presented and

displaying a lovely crutch, adding that five or six pens that could easily have won. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to our sponsors: TRLX, TLSAA, Abelene Park, Allflex, North West Direct Sales and Westpac Helicopter.

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