

# Ray White®



Pouring rain, gusty winds, flapping tarps and umbrellas turning inside out, what more could you possibly throw at young horses to test their temperament and disposition?

Despite all of these adverse weather conditions, vendors and sale organisers made the decision to push on with the 2017 sale. The hardest call of all came on Thursday morning when the decision to cancel this years campdraft program was made after the ground was deemed to be far too wet and dangerous for both man and beast.

Sale organisers have decided to run the 2017 Epic incentive draft in March 2018 prior to next years event. ALL eligible for this years draft (2017) will run next year (2018) despite a few of them being 6 year olds. This is considered to be the best and fairest way for all competitors concerned. Rules will be the same as normal. The draft will consist of 2 full rounds and a final with the 2017 Epic winner becoming ineligible to run in the 2018 Epic. All horses that remain eligilbe for the 2018 Epic will then go through to be able to compete in that campdraft as per schedule.

“We know that this may not please everybody, but it was a decision made on saftey for both horses and riders” said Mark Haywood and Tim McCarthy of Ray White Rural of Kempsey.

Saturday afternoon saw the scheduled Pre Works of sale horses take place at 1pm. A very good crowd of potential buyers braved the very trying conditions to see the great catalogue of sale horses go through their paces. One buyer said “I am so impressed with the way the young horses handled the conditions that im definitely registering to bid. You couldn’t have tested them any harder if you treid” she said.

After another night of heavy rain, Sunday morning saw the clouds part to allow the sale to be bathed in sunshine. Could have been divine intervention or perhaps someone was interested in seeing the sale as well. At 10am an excellent crowd with 124 registered bid card holders took their vantage points around the arena ready to try and secure their prospective purchases.

The younger portion of the catalouge seemed to attract the most interest as many of these particular horses have between 1 and 3 shots at the Epic prize pool.

A top price of \$22,000 was achieved for a 2012 drop gelding offered for sale by the Clairvale Performance Horse Stud. Sired by Acres Destiny and from the HSH mare, Clairvale Matilda, this eye catching chestnut gelding attracted a lot of interest and will definitely be a serious contender for the Epic draft in 2018. Clairvale Acres Inca was purchased be Fred Patterson through Chris Patterson Century 21 of Tamworth.

Other notable gelding sales were for H-Diamond Perfomance horses One Moore Playboy sired gelding, Lot 57, “I Play” selling for \$13,500 to Mr. Lachie Bowman.

Mares reached a top of \$16,500 for Lot 71, "Sonitas Playgirl", a Palamino mare sired by One Moore Playboy and from the Sonitas Ronda mare in Barque Sontiasweet Lena. This mare was offered on behalf of Mr. Mark Rae of Timor from NSW and secured by Steve and Bec Cadzow of Alice Springs through Ray White Rural.

John and Jackie Farley promised a great team of horses and they didn't disappoint. Their very impressive team of 4 mares topped at \$16,000 for Lot 80, Kayderoyale Tabitha. Purchased by Gateway Tropical Farms, this mare was sired by their resident sire Kayderoyale Voodoo and from the Docs Freckles Oak mare Kayderoyale Cassie Oak. Wayne and Sharon Edwards also had a successful sale with "Lil Jo Beaver" selling for \$14,000 to Mr. John Elder. A bay mare sired by "Hot as Hell" and from the "Peptos Stylish Oak" mare, "Bloodwood Stylish Girl" offers for sale on behalf of locals Ken and Beryl McCarthy realised \$12,000. This mare "Illawong Stylish as Hell" was purchased by Mr. Nick Clydsdale and will definitely be back for next year's event.

Overall the sale averaged \$7336.00 for an 82% clearance. This average was well up on last year and is definitely set to grow.

Sale co-ordinators Tim McCarthy and Mark Hawyood said they were pleased with the results considering the conditions both vendors and buyers had to endure. "We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for their patience and understanding during the very trying weather conditions" they said. "We were committed to at least go ahead with the sale and it paid off for all concerned".

Many vendors and purchasers commented on the great feel and atmosphere the event has. "Everyone helps everyone. It's a real friendly place to be and doesn't drag out too long". "We'll definitely be back next year" was the general comment from many vendors.

"Next year's event planning is already well underway and we can't wait to see these horses come back to draft for the prize pool" said Ray White Rural principal Mark Haywood. "The Ray White team has put a lot of hard work and effort into getting this sale going and we can't wait for next year's event".

"With our committed focus to be on young horses, vendors and competitors, and keeping the event to a manageable and friendly size, this event will be a must on the campdrafting calendar. "In an ideal world, we'll keep the sale and campdraft to a 3 to 4 day event at the most" he said.

This was the first Equine sale the Ray White group has conducted in over 100 years and is set to grow even bigger with the backing of the Ray White organisation.

Ray White will also be conducting the Dalby Stock Horse sale this year. Contact any of the Ray White Dalby branch or Brendan Gilliland for further information on this sale.

Entries for the 2018 Epic sale will open in the first week in October with numbers being limited. Campdraft entries for the 2018 event will open in late January. Watch the Ray White Rural Kempsey website for details or contact Mark Haywood 0437 286 494 or Tim McCarthy 0427 674 054.