"He is highly suitable for our operation where our target market is the grassfed supermarket.

"Our aim is to provide the market place with cattle in the 270-320kg range in early January.

"We will use him in our nucleus breeding herd to breed bulls for our use."

The Dicksons this year will join 460 Angus cows, alongside 200 heifers for a late April/May calving.

Next up to make the $20,000 top price was Cherylton Showtime V716 in lot 50 and this time placing the winning bid was Wayne Tapscott, Waymu Farms, Albany.

The late-June 2024-drop, AI-bred Showtime V716 is by Coonamble Show Time S42 and out of Cherylton Portia T171, which is a daughter of Millah Murrah Rembrandt R48.

The 672kg bull is in the top 10pc for MCW, SS and foot angle as well as top 20pc for 400 and 600-day weight, CWT, RBY and leg angle.

Mr Tapscott said Showtime V716 had good depth of body, a good soft skin and was free moving.

"He has growth figures and while his birthweight figure is very high, it wasn't a concern," Mr Tapscott said.

Along with purchasing Showtime V716, Mr Tapscott, who will join 430 cows and 70-80 heifers for a February/March calving this year, also secured another two bulls to finish with a team of three at an average of $14,667.

The other two bulls he purchased were also Show Time S42 sons, Cherylton Showtime V711 (lot 47) and Cherylton Showtime V703 (lot 53) and he secured both of these at $12,000.

Mr Tapscott said he was particularly chasing the Show Time S42 bloodline.

"We used the bloodline in our AI-program last year over both heifers and cows and the calves which have hit the ground already are looking really good," he said.

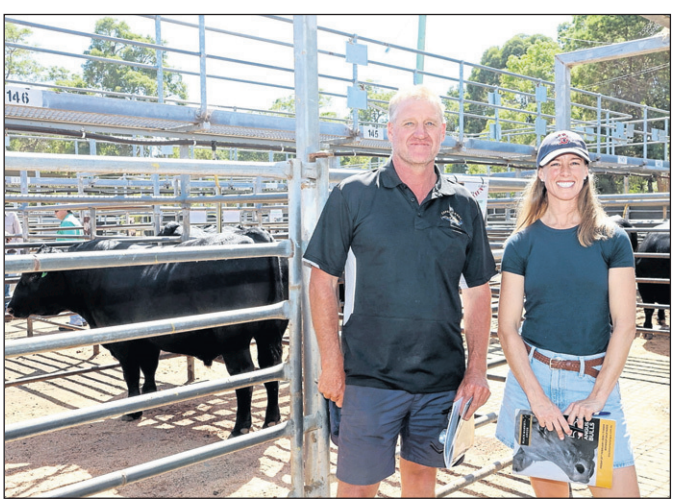
"You can see Show Time S42's traits coming through and they are all the same, they are just so consistent in type.

"I think the females are going to make good breeders."

Two bulls also sold for the $19,000 third top price.

The first sire to hit $19,000 in the team was the powerful and soft Black Market Rogan V093 in lot six.

Rogan V093, which is a son of Black Market Rogan R100, was secured through AuctionsPlus by Nutrien Livestock, Esperance agent Darren Chatley for client Mark Darlow, Forward Plains, Condingup.



❒ Capel Creek, Donnybrook, was the volume buyer, purchasing seven bulls to a top of $19,000 and an average of $14,571. Making their selections before the sale were Capel Creek farm manager Dean Taaffe and owner Sarah Creagh.



❒ Nutrien Ag Solutions livestock manager - west region, Matt Watts (left), with Gary Dickson, GL & RK Dickson, Nannup, who purchased one of the sale's $20,000 equal second top-priced bulls, Cherylton Quartz V726.

The 834kg bull ranks in the top 1pc for foot angle and top 5pc 200 and 400-day weights, claw set and leg angle.

Mr Chatley said Rogan V093 was a good, thick, deep bull with exceptional growth figures and positive fats which are well above breed average.

"He is the right style of bull for the Darlow's herd," Mr Chatley said.

The other buyer to go to $19,000 was volume buyer and return client Capel Creek, Donnybrook, represented by owner Sarah Creagh and farm manager Dean Taaffe.

At $19,000, Capel Creek purchased Cherylton Showtime V702 from lot 40.

The late-June 2024-drop, 704kg bull is by Show Time S42 and ranks in the top 3pc for DOC, top 10pc for foot angle and top 20pc for claw set and 600-day weight.

Capel Creek also paid $18,000 and $17,000 for two other Show Time S42 sons, Black Market Showtime V008 from lot five and Black Market Showtime V337.

Mr Taaffe said they were very happy to get these three Show Time S42 sons.

"We were chasing the Show Time S42 bloodline to add to our herd," Mr Taaffe said.

"All three bulls had good thickness and depth along with good docility.

"Good docility is important to us as we are trying to breed quiet, easy-doing cattle.

"If the cattle are less stressed, it means they lose less weight, which in the end means better performance."

Along with buying these two Show Time S42 sons, Capel Creek, which is looking to join 480 breeders including heifers for a March/April calving, secured another four bulls (two Cherylton and two Black Market) to finish with a team of seven at an average of $14,571.

Other buyers to have an influence on the result in terms of both price and numbers purchased were CA & DA Tilbrook, Broadwater, which purchased one bull at $18,000, while Rayview Park, Albany, secured two sires to a top of $16,000 and an average of $13,000 and Roydon Nominees, Denmark, picked up two bulls at an average of $12,000 and to a high of $13,000.

Other buyers in this category were BG Eva, Charley Creek, which purchased three bulls to a high of $12,000 and an average of $11,333 and Willowbrook WA Pty Ltd, Yabberup, averaged $11,500 over a team of two that topped at $12,000.