

# Romani owners call it quits after 50 years

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A grazing property in the New England region of NSW has changed hands after being held by the same owners for the past 50 years.

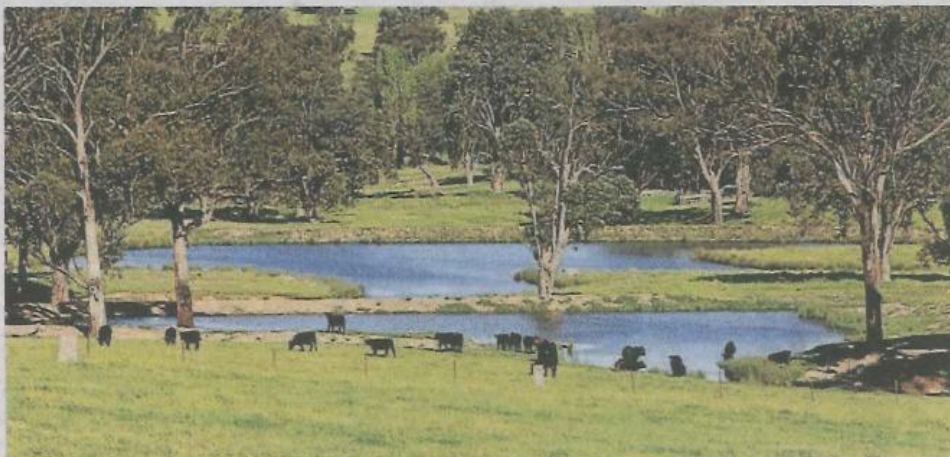
Romani was up for sale at \$4.5 million but the final sale price has not been disclosed.

The owners, Barry and Lorraine Tonkin, are retiring after 50 years on Romani. The new owner is a family with existing agricultural interests in northern NSW.

The agents were David Nolan, of Webster Nolan Real Estate in Sydney, and Frank Spilsbury, of Elders Real Estate in Armidale.

They said the Tonkin family's long tenure showed the quality of the country and its management. Romani is a successful cow and calf and a merino ewe and lamb enterprise.

Romani is at Kingstown, about halfway between the two major centres in the region, 50 minutes' drive from Armidale and an hour from Tam-



Romani in New England has been sold after 50 years under the same ownership.

worth. It covers 2217 hectares of open valleys and undulating grazing country based on fertile and versatile basalt, trap and granite soils.

The property has an average rainfall of 750 millimetres supplemented by 29 dams, springs and a 2.5-kilometre frontage to the McDonald River. The river also provides great fishing.

The owners rate the carrying capa-

city at 13,000 dry sheep equivalents or 850 cows and calves.

The five-bedroom homestead, set in established gardens, is also a feature. The property also has a four-bedroom managers' residence. Improvements include a five-stand shearing shed and yards, cattle yards, machinery sheds, hay shed, two silos, and two agricultural airstrips.