



## **Trade and Export Cattle Competition 2022/23**

The 39th annual hoof and hook competition saw a yarding of 51 entries with a quality field of 39 yearling steers and heifers, and 12 heavy prime beef steers, entries being accepted in pens of three. Each year this competition hosts the best line-up of 100% grass finished cattle in Australia.

After a two-year absence due to the pandemic, it was good to be back at the Circular Head Show with the hoof competition. On an excellent day and with a big crowd in attendance, Premier Jeremy Rockliff opened the new Stud and Trade Cattle facility that has been completed by volunteers over the past few months ready for the return of the Show.

Prizes this year totalled over \$7000 in value, with thanks to our many sponsors for their continuing generosity that makes the competition possible. We also appreciate the extensive support of Greenham Tasmania. The disruption to the daily routine of the plant to cater for the competition is considerable.

The other valued sponsors are Impact Fertilisers, Elanco Animal Health, Gallagher Australia, Chemvet, Zoetis, Incitec-Pivot, Datamars, Coopers Animal Health, Red Angus Australia and the Frankcombe family, Rabobank, Nutrien Ag Solutions, and Virbac Australia. Also, local sponsors Perry's Quality Meats, Smithton Vet Service, Medwin Enterprises, Jaeger Electrical and the Wells family, Leon and Diana Gee, Anthony's at Highfield, Forest Cattery and Kennel and Western Plains Beef.

The hoof judge this year was Greenham Gippsland Livestock Manager, Sean Kallady. Sean is no stranger to judging cattle, with experience across the US and at Royal shows around Australia.

Winner in the Yearling class was young exhibitor Isaac McGlone, which came with the Rabobank Trophy. Second was Leon and Diana Gee and third was Bayswater Red Angus from Somerset.

Prime Beef Steer class and the Fergus Medwin Memorial Trophy was won by Western Plains Beef, with Trethewie Farm second and Brett McGlone third.

The Champion Show Group was also won by Isaac McGlone, which awarded him the prestigious Cyril Wells Memorial Trophy.

The judging of the carcass section of the competition was held at Greenham Tasmania, Smithton, with the data compiled and results determined by Matthew Scott at R&D and Integrity Systems MLA.

Winner in the Yearling class was Western Plains Beef, which came with the Rex Frankcombe Memorial Trophy. Second was Milton & Gaylene De Jonge and third was Brett McGlone

Unfortunately, in the Prime Beef Steer class there were no entry groups that met all the carcass specifications required, so no prizes were awarded. A late season may have contributed to the lack of finish on some entries. It shows it is not easy to put together a group of three high-scoring cattle.

Livestock Manager Darryl Pearce was impressed with the majority of the carcasses this year, highlighting the high scores for marbling and market suitability, and he congratulated the winners.

Local MP Gavin Pearce also congratulated producers and spoke of the outstanding beef products that come from the combination of an innovative processor, skilled farmers and the best pasture to be found.

The committee look forward to the continuation of a prosperous season for Tasmanian beef producers and hope to have another impressive line-up of cattle at the 2023 Circular Head Show next year.

### **Prize Presentation**

#### **HOOF RESULTS**

##### Class One

1st 22,23,24 Isaac McGlone RABOBANK Trophy

2nd 43,44,45 Leon and Diana Gee

3rd 46,47,48 Bayswater Red Angus

##### Class Two

1st 60,61,62 Western Plains Beef FERGUS MEDWIN Memorial Trophy

2nd 69,70,71 Trethewie Farm

3rd 66,67,68 Brett McGlone

##### Champion of Show and CYRIL WELLS Memorial Trophy

1st 22,23,24 Isaac McGlone

#### **HOOK RESULTS**

##### **Class One - Yearling 220-360kg HSCW**

1<sup>st</sup> 10,11,12 Western Plains Beef REX FRANKCOMBE Memorial Trophy

2<sup>nd</sup> 16,17,18 M&G De Jonge

3<sup>rd</sup> 19,20,21 Brett McGlone

##### **Class Two - Prime Steer 360-440kg HSCW**

No prizes awarded

##### **Highest Scoring** animal in the competition

Entry 18 scored 86.12 points, M&G De Jonge