



Trade and Export Cattle Competition 2025/26

The 43rd annual hoof and hook competition was very well supported with 63 entries, a quality field of 24 yearling steers and heifers, and 39 heavy prime beef steers, entries being accepted in pens of three. Again, our competition hosted the best line-up of 100% grass finished cattle in Australia.

Prizes this year total over \$10,000 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, and the time taken by Peter and his staff to make this competition a success.

The other valued sponsors are Abbey Animal Health, Impact Fertilisers, Elanco Animal Health, Gallagher Australia, Chemvet, Zoetis, Incitec-Pivot, Datamars, Coopers Animal Health, Red Angus Australia and the Frankcombe family, Rabobank, Muirs Smithton, S&T Agriculture, 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, Roxene Kingston, Western Plains Beef and Gavin Pearce MP.

Again this year we have been generously sponsored by Ridley Stockfeeds, with 4 tonnes of grass-based pellets available for supplementing the competition cattle during December before processing in January, with the aim of maximising grading potential.

The hoof judge this year was Thomas Febey, an experienced Elders livestock agent and cattle breeder, a product of the Sheffield junior handlers competitions. Thomas is the number one assessor for Auctions Plus in Tasmania. The great field of cattle presented made his judging job as difficult as it could be.

Winners in the Yearling Class were the Charolais heifers entered by Milton and Gaylene De Jonge, winning the Rabobank trophy. Brett McGlone from Alcomie was second, and third was Michael and Wendy Bercheree.

The Prime Beef Steer class and the Fergus Medwin Memorial Trophy was won by Helen Brock's Bayswater Red Angus. Second place went to local Stanley producers Western Plains Beef, with first-time entrant Bill Poke third. The Champion Show Group was also won by Bayswater Red Angus which gained the Cyril Wells Memorial Trophy.

Those watching on were able to participate in the judging, and this year Mollie Elphinstone scored the chocolates sponsored by Roxene Kingston in the Yearling class, with locals (with next to no cattle experience) Kel Bryant and Brian Stokes picking all three placegetters in Class 3.

Results of the judging of the carcass section were announced at the Smithton Community Centre Smithton, on January 16, 2026. Following the Greenham Beef Updates event, which outlined the current market opportunities for Greenham branded beef, and new tools for producers to manage their feedback data, were the prize presentations and a BBQ dinner sponsored by Greenham Tasmania.

All 63 entries successfully met MSA grading requirements, a credit to the exhibitors and a reflection of a great season and the benefit of maximising nutrition with the supplement of Ridley's grain-free pellets. There were 37 of the 63 entries, or 60%, with a MSA Index score over 62.

Class Two winner was Western Plains Beef with three Angus steers, also winning the Rex Frankcombe Memorial Trophy. Second was Michael and Wendy Berecheree, and third was Andrew Marshall from Oldina.

Class Three was a reversal, with Michael and Wendy Berecheree winning the Greenham Tasmania Trophy, followed by Western Plains Beef in second, and third was Charlie Payne.

The Highest Scoring animal in the competition prize went to Western Plains Beef for entry number 10 with a body that scored an excellent 89.97 points winning the Perry's Quality Meats prize.

The Greenham Junior Development Trophy for the best performer under 18 years of age was awarded to Charlie Payne for third place on hook in Class Three. He also won a Greenham Cape Grim knife set.

The committee thanks all the entrants, sponsors and interested people, along with the great hard-working Greenham staff, and the Circular Head Show Society, for making the event this year another success.

Special thanks to Georgia Turner, Jhodie Farrelly and Jess Mitchell for the great presentation slideshow and organisation for the competition once again.

We look forward to the 2026/27 competition.