

Canberra Royal 2010

ENTRIES from South Australian and Hunter Valley breeders made for a very competitive display of 25 head at the 2010 Canberra Royal.

Recent widespread rains also added a welcome green tinge to the surrounding countryside and an air of optimism amongst the gallery of spectators.

Progeny of the 2008 Supreme Champion, Woolaringa AL1 found favour with the judge, Victorian Angus breeder Graham Collins.

His son, Woolaringa Dave D59 and exhibited by Fiona Battiste from Goulburn, was named the Grand champion Bull and Supreme Champion Square Meaters Exhibit.

Weighing 515 kilograms at 19 months he was described by Mr Collins as having great length, muscling, feet and legs and mobility.

“He is a very sound and complete bull.” Mr Collins said.

Woolaringa Dave triumphed over the Senior Champion, Gumnut Valley Doronamoe TGGD 048 who was last year’s Reserve Junior Champion bull. Doronamoe, who weighed 575 kilograms at 23 months and was exhibited by Graham and Tara Green from Maitland defeated his stablemate, Gumnut Valley Billie Joe TGGB 106 (730 kgs at 40 months) who was last year’s Senior Champion.

The ribbon for Reserve Junior Bull was just reward for Rolf and Glennis De Koning who traveled for 2 days from Glencoe in South Australia to support the breed.

Their entry Argio Park Upshot RGOD1 weighed 420 kilograms at 15 months and impressed with his muscling and completeness.

The Grand Champion Female was the beautifully bodied Thurloo Park Betsy B28A shown by David Thompson from Cootamundra. Exhibited with a heifer calf at foot she stood out for her classic combination of length, muscle and femininity.

The Reserve Senior Champion ribbon went to her younger stablemate Thurloo Park Dutchess DJT D5A.

Daughters of Woolaringa AL1 dominated the junior classes with the magnificent Woolaringa Bonnie D7 named the Junior Champion and Woolaringa Faith D20 the Reserve Junior Champion.

The judge particularly praised Bonnie for her great length, width in the pins, femininity and early udder development.

The Woolaringa trio then went on to win the Sire’s or Dam’s Progeny Class and the Breeders Group award.

The strong competition provided by the Naringi, Cluskers and Murrumburrah High School studs highlighted the strength within the breed and pointed to even tighter judging tussles to come.

All exhibitors deserve our praise and thanks for putting such good cattle forward for the appreciation of the judge and the public. Well done to all.