

## **Murray Greys Dominate Interbreed Classes at Perth Royal 2006**

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THIS year's Elders beef cattle interbreed competition wound up the cattle judging at the 2006 Perth Royal Show in awesome fashion with a quality display of WA cattle descended on the show grounds main arena.

From many comments around the arena it was arguably the most competitive and close interbreed events in the shows extensive history.

This is where the cream of the crop from the previous three days of judging within individual breeds battle it out for the top interbreed honors.

Such quality on display made for tough decisions for judges Don Patch (left), Bunya Creek Angus stud, Dalby QLD, Rhett Mobs, Gowrie Simbra and Simmental studs, Charleville QLD, Jason Salier, Minnie-Vale Charolais, Bingara NSW, and Andrew Mackay, Merawah Poll Hereford stud, Boggabilla, NSW.

By the events conclusion judges had ranked in ascending order, with one being the best, a junior champion bull, senior champion bull, junior champion female and senior champion female.

Charolais, Murray Grey and Limousin were the prominent breeds on the day with Murray Greys dominating proceedings.

In an amazing effort a delighted Rob and Lesley Milner, Downunder Charolais stud, Wooroloo exhibited the junior champion interbreed bull for the fourth consecutive show with the young sire Downunder Adonis finishing with six points.

Adonis was calved late April 2005 sired by Downunder Weight Lifter and out of Downunder Sugarloaf.

Andrew McKay commented on Adonis as showing ample potential indicating he will grow out and do a lot for his respective breed.

"Wide based bull that moves freely and is sound reproductively and in thickness, meat yield and structure," he said.

Adonis was ranked only three points ahead of its nearest opposition, a Simmental bull exhibited by T & L Kitchen's Bandeeka stud, Elgin.

Bandeeka Ansa, was sired by Dunmore Hansa and out of Bandeeka Tasha.

Finishing in third place on 18 points was the Wyndarra Red Angus stud, Manjimup with Wyndarra Red Canyon.

The Monterey Murray Grey stud, Karridale made an impressive return to the Perth Royal Show exhibiting the senior champion interbreed bull with Monterey Impeccable.

Impeccable was sired by Monterey Tremendous, a sire that tasted interbreed success at the show some years ago and out of Bundaleer Rejoyce. He weighed 1055kg and scanned 132 cm<sup>2</sup> EMA.

Judge Don Patch said he found the Murray Grey to be the most complete in this class and was an excellent representative for the breed.

"Found power, growth weight and eye muscling in the Murray Grey," he said.

"He has a strong spine, correct structure with good mobility and sirery appeal."

Monterey was a clear winner on the day, six points ahead of the Jutland Park Red Angus stud, Serpentine in second place with their finalist Jutland Zephyr, a son of Lodi Prince and Mt Hunter Red Betty.

Rob and Heather Francis, Yallaroo Hereford stud, Busselton came in third place on 15 points with Yallaroo Zephyr, a son of homebred parents Waugh and Juliet.

Monterey Murray Grey stud continued its good form blitzing the field in the interbreed junior champion female finishing 12 points clear of their nearest rival.

The 16 month old Monterey Showgirl certainly lived up to her name described by Mr Salier as an all round top heifer.

“Structurally correct, lovely clean front-end while retaining plenty of femininity; a fantastic individual for her respective breed.”

The Williams family’s White Lakes Limousin stud, Toodyay, finished in second place on 19 points with their entry White Lakes Auburn Beauty, a daughter of White Lakes Pace Setter and Etravaganza.

In third place on 20 points was Summit Gelbvieh stud, Narrikup, with Summit Miss Sweatie that was sired by Extra Exposure and out of Coonamble Sunnyside.

With only two points separating first and second place the interbreed senior champion female was a closely fought class but at the completion of judging it was a cow calf combo from the William’s family White Lakes Limousin stud that was victorious on the day.

White Lakes Xtra Pizzazz, an April 2002 drop cow with a bull calf at foot was sired by White Lakes Vision and out of White Lakes Pizzazz.

Mr Mobs said that is was the most challenging class of the competition and pleasing to see such a quality display of industry engine rooms producing seedstock for the future.

“The cow on top at 4.5yo is an outstanding cow of true breed type,” he said.

“She is correct with volume and exceptional udder development; the proofs in the pudding with the growth in her calf.”

Pipped at the post was the Charolais exhibit from the Quicksilver stud, Newdegate Quicksilver Fashion finishing second with 11 points.

The July 2003-drop Fashion was sired by Quicksilver Wine An Dine and out of Trinity Farm Rona.

Little Meadows Angus stud, Waterloo tallied 16 points to finish in third place with their entry Little Meadows Edwina, January 2004-drop daughter of Ankonian Elixir.