



David Raff, Raff Angus, Drillham, holds the supreme champion beef animal and grand champion Angus bull Raff Empire E269 for decoration by Clifton Show president Kate Flynn and Queensland Governor Penelope Wensley AC.

# Bullish outlook at 100th Clifton Show

By MALCOLM McCOSKER and HELEN WALKER

BIG beef mountains of bull were the stars at last weekend's Clifton centenary show, closely rivalled by magnificent female bovines in the stud classes and a powerful heifer show.

Standout breeds were the proud strutting whiteface cattle of a Hereford feature show, which sensibly combined poll and horned examples of the breed, and a glossy black Angus bull that became supreme beef exhibit of the show.

Queensland Governor Penelope Wensley AC spared time from her demanding schedule of visiting flood and cyclone disaster areas to be special guest and show opener at Clifton, praising the dedication and hard work of all people who had stewarded the show through its 100 years.

Throughout the show was its usual rich diversity of dairy cattle, sheep and dog exhibits, a non-stop ring program and the thunderous sound of gleaming tricked up entrants in a major ute competition.

Unrivalled star of the stud beef cattle was supreme exhibit and earlier grand champion Angus bull Raff Empire E269, shown by David and Jill Raff and family, Raff Angus, Drillham.

This 18 months bull is by Bando 175 (imp US) and from one of the top Australian bred cows in the country, Raff Doris P53. A smiling David Raff said the bull had 10 generations of Australian Angus breeding on his maternal side and had already scored two other supreme exhibit awards at Downs shows including the Angus feature at Stanthorpe.

Dominant for numbers on the day was a high quality Hereford feature, judged by Glen Perrett, Bowenfels, Nanango, with associate Julia Gould, Cinnabar, a Queensland champion young judge who made the show her last official outing before getting married.

Top broad ribbon winners in the Herefords were the grand and senior champion bull Attitude Emperor E2, shown by Peter Hayward and his son



QCL journalist Malcolm McCosker decorates the grand champion Hereford feature show bull Attitude Emperor E2, held by co-exhibitor Peter Hayward, Attitude Stud, Jandowae.

Andrew, Attitude Stud, Jandowae. Reserve senior to the Hayward bull was WRL Dingo D107, shown by Wesley and Robin Lobwein, Dalby.

Dominating the bull junior and calf champion championships were Trevor and Pearl Saal, Arcadia Valley, and their daughter and son in law, Amanda and Ivan Burcher, Goondiwindi, who jointly showed Kalem Poll Herefords.

Their entries included calf champion bull Kalem Flemington F20 and reserve calf champion Kalem Field Marshall F25, as well as junior champion bull Kalem Elburro E32.

Reserve junior bull was the Lobweins' WRL Elcid E078.

Topping the female broad ribbons was grand and senior champion cow Kalem Blanche D10, with stable mate Kalem Beauty E06 as reserve senior champion.

Kalem also started off strongly in the juvenile females with champion heifer calf Kalem Blanche F43, the reserve calf female being Peter and Andrew Hayward's Attitude Gena F7.

The Lobweins' WRL stud came back into the picture with junior champion heifer WRL Emblem E092, with Kalem Frolic E16, reserve junior.

Other beef cattle grand champions were:

ANGUS: Grand ch bull, Raff Empire E269, Raff family, Raff Stud, Drillham; grand ch female Raff Burnette E133  
 BRAFORDS: Grand & jnr ch bull, Penleigh Panda, Penny Vohland, Penleigh, Pittsworth; grand & jnr ch female, Penleigh Passion Pop, Penleigh Stud.  
 BRAHMAN: Grand & jnr ch bull, Colinta Bolivia, Colinta Holdings, Brisbane; grand ch and jnr ch female, Colinta Carlisita 002, Colinta Holdings.  
 CHARBAY: Grand & jnr ch bull, Tunas Exception, Nadia Martin, Tunas Stud, Brisbane; grand & jnr ch female, Tunas Elle, Tunas Stud.  
 CHAROLAIS: Grand ch bull, Colinta Eugene, Colinta Holdings; grand ch female, Shiloh Danielle, David Blake, Shiloh Stud.  
 DROUGHTMASTER: Grand & snr ch bull, Warrigai Atlas, Charm Ryrie, Warrigai Stud, Pittsworth; grand & snr ch female Oakmore Jubilee, Sharon Harms, Oakmore Stud, Greenmount.  
 LIMOUSIN: Grand ch bull, Rosehill E754, John & Rosemaree McCarthy, Rosehill Stud, Clifton; grand ch female, Red Rock Kylie, Jeff and Kerry Ethridge, Red Rock Stud, Guyra, NSW.  
 LOWLINES: Grand ch bull, Tanview DJ, Tanya Falkenhagen, Tanview, Boonah; grand ch female, Allambie Perfect Petal, Tanview Stud.  
 RED ANGUS: Grand ch bull, GK Red Eli Stone; Gavin & Kirrily Iseppi, GK Stud, Dalby; grand ch female, GK Red Maple, GK Stud.  
 SANTA GERTRUDIS: Grand ch bull, Talgai Einstein, Max Baldwin, Talgai Stud, Allora.

## Charolais heifers shine under lights

By HELEN WALKER

THE annual Clifton Heifer Show, held under lights as part of the overall Clifton Show Society continues to grow from strength to strength.

And this year, nearly 100 entries completed to vie for the top award before judge, Kingaroy cattleman, Glen Perrett, last Friday night.

As part of the Clifton Show Society emphasis on youth direction and participation, all heifers were paraded by experienced younger generation of cattle enthusiasts, all aged 25 years and younger. Mr Perrett said the judging task proved difficult in many of the classes, due to the evenness of quality that was paraded before him.

And many of those heifers exhibited who were on their first outing certainly tried and tested the ability of several young paraders.

Mr Perrett quickly put all competitors at ease and told the crowd, as Clifton was one of the earlier shows, he expected the odd animal to suffer stage fright especially the younger heifers, and he praised all cattle handlers in their showing skills.

The grand champion heifer was an 11-month-old Charolais Crathes Desire 672 owned by Keith and Ros Glasson, Crathes Stud, Greenmount.

At only her second outing, Desire who is sired by Noller Bonzer, from Palgrow Desire 67 was earlier sashed the junior champion exhibit.

She now will ultimately be shown at this year's Brisbane Royal Show, and is earmarked for Beef 2012.

Crathes Desire 672 was handled to perfection by Tim O'Dwyer of Roadvale, on behalf of High Ace Fitting Service owned by Travis Luscombe.

And for the Glasson family it was back-to-back-wins, as last year it was

The grand champion heifer was an 11-month-old Charolais Crathes Desire 762.

their exhibit, Crathes Gazania also claimed the junior and grand championship award. This year, Crathes Gazania was sashed reserve senior champion female.

When Crathes Desire 672 entered the judging ring, she certainly attracted the judge's attention. Competing in a powerful class of 31 entries, Desire claimed the 9 to 12 months class with judge Perrett describing her 'as a magnificent heifer, and almost a picture of perfection'.

Luck continued for the Charolais breed, when Advance Treasure E98, exhibited by Stephen Hayward, Advance Stud Allora, took senior champion ribbon. Reserve junior champion was Red Rock Fancy Free, owned by Jeff and Kerry Etheridge, Red Rock Limousins, Guyra, NSW.

Red Rock Fancy Free was paraded by experienced young cattleman Bradley Hayward who also claimed the 15 to 18 years paraders' award. Champion parader was Samantha Kemsley, 19, of Clifton. She has paraded cattle as recently as 2007, while studying agriculture at Scots PGC College at Warwick. Brianna Meacle of Allora, won the under 12s paraders and Mikala Passmore the under 15 years section.

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