DROUGHTMASTER FUTURITY SHOW
Toogoolawah Showgrounds
26 & 27 February 2027

NOMINATIONS CLOSE: Thursday, 11 Feb 2027
Online Nomination Form
Led Classes $35.00 per Head and $11.00 groups

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES - AGE AS AT 1 FEBRUARY 2027

Classes subject to change at stewards' discretion.

LED STEER OR HEIFER CLASSES – *open to members and non-members, showing a Droughtmaster or predominately Droughtmaster cross steer or heifer. Heifers exhibited in stud classes are not eligible for entry in this section. Animals must be Milk Tooth. Animals are to be weighed at home within 7 days of the event. These weights are to be submitted at the event. The steward has the final decision on allocating entries as per weight range of the classes.*

CLASS 1:	Lightweight Steer or Heifer under 350kg.
CLASS 2:	Mid-weight Steer or Heifer 350kg to 450kg.
CLASS 3:	Heavyweight Steer or Heifer over 450kg.

Champion Led Steer or Heifer

STUD COMPETITION

BULLS age as at 1 February 2027

CLASS 4	under 7 months
CLASS 5	7 months and under 9 months
CLASS 6	9 months and under 11 months
CLASS 7	11 months and under 13 months

CHAMPION CALF - BULL & RESERVE

CLASS 8	13 months and under 14 months
CLASS 9	14 months and under 16 months
CLASS 10	16 months and under 18 months
CLASS 11	18 months and under 20 months

CHAMPION BULL & RESERVE

HEIFERS age as at 1 February 2027

CLASS 12	under 7 months
CLASS 13	7 months and under 9 months
CLASS 14	9 months and under 11 months
CLASS 15	11 months and under 13 months

CHAMPION CALF - HEIFER & RESERVE

CLASS 16	13 months and under 14 months
CLASS 17	14 months and under 16 months
CLASS 18	16 months and under 18 months
CLASS 19	18 months and under 20 months

CHAMPION HEIFER & RESERVE

GRAND CHAMPION DROUGHTMASTER

GROUP CLASSES:

CLASS 20 **BREEDERS GROUP** -Three animals, mixed sexes. All animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be from the same Stud Prefix and must be entered in the general classes.

CLASS 21 **PAIR OF BULLS** - All animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be from the same Stud Prefix, and must be entered in the general classes

CLASS 22 **PAIR OF FEMALES -** All animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be from the same Stud Prefix, and must be entered in the general classes.

CLASS 23 **SIRES PROGENY** - Must be three animals of mixed sexes. All animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be from the same Stud Prefix, and must be entered in the general classes.

CLASS 24 **DAMS PROGENY -** Must be two animals of either or both sexes. Both animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be of the same stud prefix and must be entered in the general classes.

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS 26 & 27 February 2027

AGE CATEGORIES – AGE AS AT SHOW DAY

Age categories are subject to change at stewards' discretion.

Peewee	12 years and under
Junior	13 years and under 15 years
Intermediate	15 years and under 16 years
Open	16 years and under 25 years

STUD BEEF JUNIOR JUDGING – 2PM FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2027

Classes subject to change at stewards' discretion.
Classes will include - Peewee, Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Conditions:

- No less than four animals will be judged.
- Each competitor will be given a card on which they will place the animals in their order of merit.
- Selected entrants will be asked to speak publicly regarding their judging order and give reasons for their selection.

The Judge will take into consideration the correct order in which the animals have been placed and the reasons offered.

JUNIOR PARADER COMPETITION – 27 FEBRUARY 2027

Classes subject to change at stewards' discretion. White coats and numbered bibs (numbered bibs will be provided) to be worn.

Classes will include - Peewee, Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Entrants may lead an animal of any age or sex, including a steer or calf at foot. Animals must be entered in the Futurity Event classes. The emphasis of this class is on the entrant's ability to prepare and parade the animal and present their exhibit to the Judge.

DROUGHTMASTER FUTURITY PERPETUAL AWARDS

The Droughtmaster Futurity was initiated in 1986. The Event was the brainchild of Droughtmaster visionaries, Val and the late Neil Evans (Balcara Stud), Margaret and the late Peter Wilson (Truvalle Stud), and Ray and Desley Phillips (Sunny View Stud) to provide an opportunity for Droughtmaster breeders to showcase their young bulls and females, and to develop the skills of young members in the art of handling and preparing show cattle.

The Futurity is held annually and has been a valuable foundation for countless Droughtmaster members who have gone on to further their skills in the showring as exhibitors and judges.

VAL AND NEIL EVANS YOUTH EXCELLENCE AWARD.

The **Val and Neil Evans Youth Excellence Award** is presented to a competitor who competes in both the Junior Judges' competition and the Junior Parader competition and displays excellence in their performance across both events.

RAY AND DESLEY PHILLIPS YOUTH ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

The **Ray and Desley Phillips Youth Encouragement Award** is presented to a competitor who competes in both the Junior Judges' competition and the Junior Parader competition and displays enthusiasm, passion and skill that is worthy of recognition.

TRUVALLE JUNIOR HERDSDMAN AWARD

The **Truvalle Junior Herdsman Award** is presented to the junior exhibitor who displays a strong work ethic and dedication to the welfare of their animals, and who has worked tirelessly and to the best of their ability to prepare their cattle for exhibition.

ELIZABETH BOUGHEN MEMORIAL MOST SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL AWARD

The **Elizabeth Boughen Memorial Most Successful School Award** is awarded to the school with the most points accumulated across areas including the performance in Parader classes, Junior Judges' competition, placings in the general competition, herdmanship, sportsmanship in the ring, student presentation, punctuality and attentiveness, as well as knowledge of their school and the animals that they are showing.

This award honours one of our Droughtmaster Next Gen and Junior Stud members, Elizabeth Boughen, who sadly passed away in January 2023. Liz was devoted to the Droughtmaster breed and was a regular exhibitor on the agricultural show circuit. Liz loved nothing more than being able to assist younger members, willingly giving encouragement, guidance and support wherever needed.

Such was her passion for fostering a love of agriculture amongst our youth, Liz was about to start a teaching degree at UNE to enable her to fulfil her dream of becoming an Ag Teacher.