

DROUGHTMASTER

Australia's natural wonder

FUTURITY SHOW

Toogoolawah Showgrounds

27th & 28th February 2026

NOMINATIONS CLOSE: Thursday 12th February 2026

Online Nomination From

Led Classes \$33.00 per Head and \$11.00 groups

Unled Classes \$11.00 per head

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES – AGE AS AT 01 FEBRUARY 2026

Classes subject to change at stewards' discretion.

UNLED STUD CLASSES – Animals will be judged on Friday 27th

February 2026 – Single animals can be penned in pairs, if entering more than one female.

All entries to be penned by 9am 27th February 2026, unled animals are to remain until 28th February 2026. Stud Signage and pen cards not to be erected until after judging. All stud identifying eartags are to be removed from the animals. All animals must be registered by 12th February 2026. Animals are to be of D4 or D5 to be eligible for entry.

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| CLASS 1: | Females Under 12 months |
| CLASS 2: | Females 12 months to 20 months |
| CLASS 3: | Females over 20 months |
| CLASS 4: | Bulls Under 12 months |
| CLASS 5: | Bulls 12 months to 20 months |
| CLASS 6: | Pair of Females – Awarded to two (2) females, from a single Exhibitor, exhibited in the same class and penned together |

Champion & Reserve Unled Female

Champion & Reserve Unled Bull

Champion & Reserve Pair of Females

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.

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| CLASS 7 | Lightweight Steer or Heifer under 350kg. |
| CLASS 8 | Mid-weight Steer or Heifer 350kg to 450kg. |
| CLASS 9 | Heavyweight Steer or Heifer over 450kg. |

**Champion & Reserve Champion
Led Steer or Heifer**

BULLS	age as at February 1st, 2026
CLASS 10	under 7 months
CLASS 11	7 months and under 9 months
CLASS 12	9 months and under 11 months
CLASS 13	11 months and under 13 months

CHAMPION CALF - BULL & RESERVE

CLASS 14	13 months and under 14 months
CLASS 15	14 months and under 16 months
CLASS 16	16 months and under 18 months
CLASS 17	18 months and under 20 months

CHAMPION BULL & RESERVE

HEIFERS	age as at February 1st, 2026
CLASS 18	under 7 months
CLASS 19	7 months and under 9 months
CLASS 20	9 months and under 11 months
CLASS 21	11 months and under 13 months

CHAMPION CALF - HEIFER & RESERVE

CLASS 22	13 months and under 14 months
CLASS 23	14 months and under 16 months
CLASS 24	16 months and under 18 months
CLASS 25	18 months and under 20 months

CHAMPION HEIFER & RESERVE

GRAND CHAMPION DROUGHTMASTER

GROUP CLASSES:

CLASS 26	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 27	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 28	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 29	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 30 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 27th & 28th February 2026

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 - 3PM FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2026

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 - 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

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 PERPETURAL 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 showing 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 HERDSMAN 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.

SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

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.

SHOW STEER

This award has been developed to provide aspiring young beef producers with the opportunity to expand their knowledge and put it into practice.

The award is open to any school who nominate and have a minimum of two students attending the event.

A generous sponsor has kindly donated a steer for the winning school. The school will be required to work together with the students to prepare and present the steer to the chosen market and destination. The steer on offer is a quality Droughtmaster or Droughtmaster composite (no less than 50% Droughtmaster) steer bred by a Droughtmaster member.

The winning school will be asked to provide a short report on the outcome of the steer for the chosen market and their overall experience as a school team.

This award is open to all school who are attending the 2026 Droughtmaster Futurity and must apply under a school name (minimum team of two students).

How to Enter

Send your application letter, including a one-page CV, via email to: carley@droughtmaster.com.au with the award name in the subject line.

Please include:

- Your group members and the school you are representing.
- Your group members' involvement in the beef cattle industry and/or breed associations.
- What it would mean to your school to win the steer.
- Identify what market your school plans to target with the steer and include a timeline, feed regime, and proposed budget on how you would plan to achieve it.
- Your group members' future aspirations and goals.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an interview at the 2026 Droughtmaster Futurity.

Please send only one application per school.