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.