

Waterford Youth Team Challenge – 2014 Royal Melbourne Show

The Waterford Charolais Youth Team Challenge was conducted during the course of the show. The aim of this particular challenge is to encourage young cattle exhibitors to work in a team environment while embracing every opportunity to present and promote their breed, and foster long lasting friendships amongst our young exhibitors.

The teams comprised of a maximum of 6 people ranging in age from 8 – 21years, with 3 members of the team under 16 years. Six items from the show box was allowed, the team had to source their own clipping frame, arrange transportation into the ring, a breed mentor was available should they require advice.

Representing several breeds, young ladies **Kate Jackson 17, Sarah Williams 16, Emma Dickinson 15, from Ballarat Grammar Lowlines** along with Paris and Mia Hourn 14 and 11 years, respectively and Lane Hastie 10 from Hastie Highlands selected **Miss Angelica**, from the **O'Hara Lowline Stud** as their subject.

The young breed representatives were required to prepare their animals commencing with washing and drying, final fit out, select a handler from the team, clean and polish gear fitted ready for parading in front of a panel of judges. Throughout the 3 hour challenge a judge marked each level of preparation, the attention to detail, attention to safety, and their ability to work together as a team and how the delegation of tasks is handled all under the watchful eye of the marshals overseeing the competition.

The team selected Lane Hastie to parade Miss Angelica before the panel of judges to critique. **The Lowline team was rewarded with a third placing for their efforts; they were also rewarded with a \$25 gift voucher each to spend at The Cattle Shop, a major sponsor of the event.**

Lowline breeders and Mr Dickinson from Ballarat Grammar watched the event with enthusiasm and proudly cheered his students from the Members Lounge; Mr. Dickinson was quite chuffed with their efforts.

Congratulations to the young ladies from Ballarat Grammar for taking the initiative to work collectively to achieve success whilst having fun.



Back Row. Sarah Williams, Lane Hastie, Kate Jackson, Daniel Porter, Mia Hourn, Emma Dickinson
Front row. Paris Hourn, Miss Angelica.

By Tracey Hall, O'Hara Lowlines