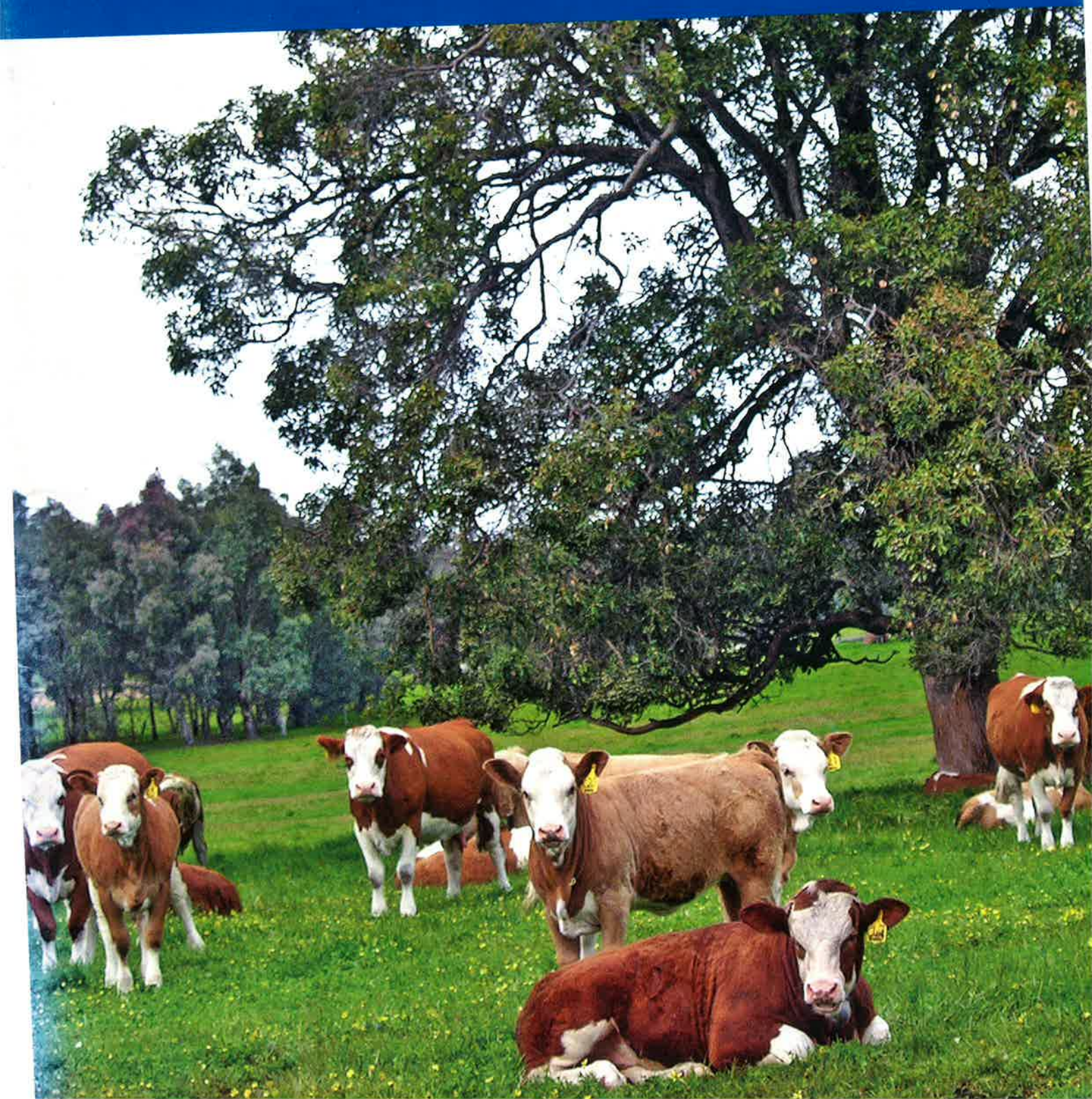


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**Outstanding show result at ♦ 2006 Royal Adelaide Show ♦
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Major awards in 2007 include

- ♦ Junior & Grand Champion Bull - Waterfront Barclay B87
(pictured left & sired by WF Xenos)
- ♦ Reserve Junior Champion Female
(sired by Wai-iti Notorious)
- ♦ 1st Prize Breeders Group
- ♦ Highest scoring Simmental carcase in steer competition
(sired by WF Usher)
- ♦ 2nd Junior Champion Interbreed - Waterfront Barclay

Waterfront Grass Fed Milk Steers average \$963

Waterfront sold in Sept 07, eighteen 10-11 month old milk steers all sired by Waterfront X97, a Waterfront Usher son. These steers exceeded all expectations with an average dressed weight of 278kgs and were sold under the MSA grading system with 16 of the 18 meeting MSA specifications.



Breaking Sale News

The Premier Genetic Simmental Sale has grown into 2 separate vendor sales

Waterfront's Inaugural Premier Genetic Sale

on Friday 8th February at 5pm

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Calendar of Events 2008

JANUARY

Jan 15	Albany Simmental bull sale, Albany, WA
Jan 18-20	Junior Simmental Show, Toogoolawa, Qld
Jan 25	Caringa Simmental bull sale, Bindoon, WA

FEBRUARY

Feb 4	Woonallee Simmentals Field Day, "Woonallee", Furner, SA
Feb 4	Waterfront Simmentals Field Day, "Naringa Park", SA
Feb 7	Bonnydale Simmental sale - Bridgetown, WA
Feb 8	Premier Simmental Genetic sale, Woonallee & WaterFront Simmental studs, Woonallee, Furner, SA
Feb 11	Corinda Downs Simmental sale - Mount Gambier, SA
Feb 12	Willandra Simmental sale - Williams, WA
Feb 14	WA Supreme Simmental bull sale, Brunswick, WA
Feb 21	European bull sale (Simmental Bulls), Naracoorte, SA
Feb 22	Canberra Royal Show - Simmental Judging, Canberra, ACT
Feb 21	Bandeeka Simmental bull sale, Boyanup, WA

MARCH

Mar 5-7	NSW Beef Spectacular - Dubbo, NSW
Mar 6	Boyanup bull sale, Boyanup, WA
Mar 21	Lancaster Simmental sale, Meningie, SA
Mar 28	Sydney Royal Show - Simmental Judging, NSW

APRIL

Apr 10	Pert Black Simmental sale, Broadford, Vic
Apr 22	Prime Beef bull sale, Illabo, NSW

April 27 Southern Simmental Youth Day - Wodonga, Vic

April 29 Southern Simmental sale - Wodonga, Vic

JUNE

June 4-6 Farmfest, Kingsthorp, Qld

June 15-30 Simmental Trade Mission to United Kingdom - Incorporating World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress - Northern Ireland, Scotland, England

JULY

July 11-12 Ag-Grow Field Days & Simmental sale, Emerald, Qld

AUGUST

Aug 9 Brisbane Royal Show - Simmental Judging

Aug 14 Hills of Gold Simmental bull sale - Nundle, NSW

Aug 19 Barana Simmental bull sale - Coolah, NSW

SEPTEMBER

Sept 2 BCM Simmental and Simbrah bull sale - Rockhampton, Qld

Sept 3-5 Ag Show, Toowoomba, Qld

Sept 6 Adelaide Royal Show, Simmental Judging

Sept 9 Wandoan Simmental & Simbrah bull sale, Wandoan, Qld

Sept 26 Melbourne Royal Show - Simmental Judging, Melbourne, Vic

Sept 27 Gowrie Simmental & Simbrah bull sale - Charleville, Qld

Sept 27 Pert Black Simmental sale, Broadford, Vic

Sept 30 Perth Royal Show

NOVEMBER

Nov 8 Victorian Simmental spring sale, Whittlesea, Vic

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Willandra Braxton AJYPB025



Willandra Bob Dylan AJYPB166



Willandra Britannia AJYPB043

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President's report

ALTHOUGH drought conditions still prevail in some parts of Australia, members have maintained stock numbers at a reasonably high level.

This may change if some significant break in seasonal conditions is not forthcoming in the immediate future.

Congratulations to all studs who have maintained and in many cases improved their market share with some exceptional on-property, multi-vendor and private sales.

Much of this success is due to the excellent self promotion of their available sale cattle.

Premium prices are available for larger lines of commercial purebred and crossbred stock, but unfortunately these large numbers of cattle are not seen in major store sales.

However, when offered even in these difficult times, the rewards to the producer are excellent.

The great advantage of Simmental cattle becomes evident in these harsh times when fertility, milking and mothering ability in large commercial herds has enabled producers to maintain a very saleable product and income stream.

Simmental cattle have a wonderful future in the Australian beef industry and colour and personal preferences should not restrict the development potential of our cattle.

The astute buyer will always purchase the best finished and retail advantaged animal for their purpose if it measures up to their specifications.

Many of our members should familiarise themselves with this more often rather than being influenced by media hype.

Few of our members regularly take advantage of watching feedlot or abattoir trends or attending store sales where the

By **BILL ALMOND**
President
Simmental Australia

real market worth of Simmental cattle are evidenced.

If breeders can supply a good line of cattle for public exposure, either at fat or store sales, then bull sales should follow.

I would like to express my thanks to the hard working Simmental Federal Council and our staff.

We have maintained a strong financial position, which enables us to have a continuing reserve for future requirements as they develop.

Promotional items have been made available and will be added to as required.

Financial grants have been made to each State during the year to assist in promoting individual State activities.

Tour details for the forthcoming 2008 Simmental World Congress to be held in the UK will be available shortly and will be advised by Simmental Australia's chief executive officer, Peter Speers, who will be leading the tour.

Plans for the 2010 Simmental World Congress to be held in Australia are progressing well.

The Royal shows in each State have been well supported in 2007, with some excellent cattle paraded before a variety of judges, both local and international.

Several breeders continue to supply and show steers with wonderful results and excellent publicity for the breed.

This has involved in many cases support from schools with an agricultural component furthering the youth involvement in our breed.

The Simmental junior program continues, especially in South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland, with outstanding functions held throughout the year.

Plans are well in progress to continue these events in 2008.

Many of the Simmental juniors have been active and successful at various shows across Australia.

After 20 years of service, Simmental Australia CEO, Peter Speers, will retire in December 2007.

Peter has given magnificent and dedicated services to breeders during that time and will be sadly missed by all.

We wish Peter and his wife, Rob, some well deserved holidays and a wonderful retirement.

The association's registrar, Lyn Yates, will also retire

from Simmental Australia at the end of the year after a long and distinguished career with Agricultural Business Research Institute (ABRI).

Lyn has been a tower of strength behind the scenes attending to registrations and office duties at Armidale.

We wish Lyn and her husband, Colin, all the best in their retirement.

Both Peter and Lyn will be replaced by two new appointments in January 2008.

In 2008 let us anticipate a return to good seasonal conditions and excellent sales.

On behalf of the Simmental Federal Council and staff, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and a joyous new year.



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Simmental future bright

CONTINUING drought in many areas has increased production costs and forced reductions in many breeding herds.

Fortunately for those with Simmental and Simmental-infused herds, a return to profit will be faster due to the extra weight gaining ability, milking ability and muscling of these cattle.

Stud breeders are likely to experience strong demand for good quality, high performance Simmental bulls.

As commercial breeders strive to squeeze higher incomes from their cow herds, they will be strongly attracted to using Simmental bulls as a quick means of boosting weight for age and muscling in their calves.

This trend has been reflected in strong sales performances this year, with Simmental bulls averaging \$3867 and females \$3426, both higher than last year.

Sale clearances have also been strong (82 per cent for bulls and 92pc for females).

Calf registrations grew by 22pc last year and active cow numbers by six per cent.

Despite the effects of the drought, the statistics to October indicate last year's levels should be maintained in 2007.

The association's move to promote a wider range of SimGenetics products offers expanded marketing opportunities.

While Simbrah remain popular in northern commercial herds, there is growing interest in Black Simmentals and SimAngus, and solid Red Simmentals are also proving popular.

More studs have diversified to breed registered Black Simmentals and SimAngus.

The Black Simmentals are predominantly solid coloured, polled, typically easy calving, and have good growth, milk, carcass yield and marbling, and are proving a popular cross with Angus to

By PETER SPEERS
Chief executive officer
Simmental Australia

maintain black colour and polledness while increasing growth and yield.

Growing interest in SimAngus is also likely, giving Angus-based herds an opportunity to benefit from hybrid vigour, and use the range of Simmental traits in an easily managed breeding program.



Our primary focus is on marketing our SimGenetics in Australia, but we should not underestimate the potential of export markets.

The association continues to pursue these opportunities on behalf of all members, and is working with exporters and the new Australian Cattle Genetics Export Agency to identify and

develop export markets.

Sales have been made this year to China, Indonesia, New Zealand and Brazil, with more expected to these and other markets, including Russia.

Many stud, commercial and overseas herds regularly search the Simmental website for bulls and females with Breedplan estimated breeding values and pedigrees to match their requirements.

This is a valuable selection and marketing tool for our stud members.

Members are able to enhance the appeal of their animals by sending animal photos to the office for posting on this website – cost-effective marketing.

The website continues to attract a strong viewing audience, giving members the chance to inexpensively advertise their stud, planned sales and individual animals for sale.

The association provides members with an array of tools to assist their breeding and marketing programs, which include:

● A range of registries – Simmental,

Black Simmental, Red Simmental, SimAngus, Simbrah, Simbeef Performance Register (SPR).

● DNA typing and parentage validation.

● Breedplan performance recording.

● Breed Indexes.

● Beef Class – structural scoring system.

● Genestar Testing – discounts for members.

● Access to SBTS service for advice on using genetic improvement tools.

● Website – Animal and EBV searching facilities.

● Website – valuable for use by members as a marketing tool.

● Publications and promotional items to promote the breed and individual studs.

● Media advertising and editorials.

● Breed-supported shows and sales.

Lots of commercial breeders are keen to use Simmental, Black Simmental, Red Simmental, SimAngus and Simbrah bulls, especially those with ease of calving, moderate maturity, good muscling and sound legs and feet.

Breeders who provide objective measures of these important traits stand to reap the rewards, and I urge members to use some or all the available tools to do this.

As we move towards a new year and the autumn show and sales season, there is every reason for optimism that SimGenetics will be in strong favour and enjoy continuing strong bull sales results.

After 20 years as chief executive officer, I will be leaving the association at the end of December.

It has been a very great privilege and pleasure to work with you.

Simmental breeders are a great group of people, devoted to promoting this wonderful breed. I leave with many memories and many friends. Thank you.

I wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas and a highly successful and healthy new year and long-term fulfilment with your Simmental breeding.

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Sales summary 2003-2007

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 to Oct 23
Number of sales	24	24	29	28	25
Numbers sold					
Simmental bulls	450	506	543	637	585
Simbrah bulls	61	59	68	71	69
Simmental females	136	85	415	160	97
Top Price (\$)					
Simmental bulls	\$20,000	\$12,200	\$25,000	\$21,500	\$21,000
Simbrah bulls	\$5,500	\$6,750	\$14,500	\$15,000	\$10,000
Simmental females	\$5,750	\$7,000	\$7,750	\$8,000	\$12,500
Average Price (\$)					
Simmental bulls	\$3,413	\$3,586	\$4,131	\$3,726	\$3,867
Simbrah bulls	\$2,720	\$3,991	\$5,355	\$4,842	\$3,935
Simmental females	\$2,118	\$2,535	\$2,331	\$2,633	\$3,426

Prices and clearances remain strong

SIMMENTAL and SimGenetics seedstock sales have remained strong in 2007.

While there have been a number of large sales in November and December, the sales results for the year to date have been strong, despite continuing drought in many areas.

Strong clearances, average prices similar to – if not higher than – 2006 and similar top prices reflect well for the breed's growing popularity in the industry.

Simmental sales summary 2007

State	No. sales	Sale	Top	Average	Sold	Clearance	Gross
25	Simmental bull sales		\$21,000	\$3,867	585	82%	\$2,262,036
3	Simbrah bull sales		\$10,000	\$3,935	69	96%	\$271,525
5	Simmental female sales		\$12,500	\$3,426	97	92%	\$332,343
33					751	84%	\$2,865,904
WA	Jan-07	Albany (Mt Barker)	\$10,000	\$3,375	12	75%	\$40,500
WA	Jan-07	Caringa	\$6,800	\$3,492	24	89%	\$83,808
WA	Feb-07	Bonnydale	\$5,500	\$3,608	37	90%	\$133,496
WA	Feb-07	Willandra	\$6,250	\$4,034	22	65%	\$88,748
WA	Feb-07	Supreme Sale, Brunswick	\$6,500	\$3,875	14	64%	\$54,250
WA	Feb-07	Bandeeka (Kitchen)	\$4,500	\$3,045	11	44%	\$33,495
WA	Mar-07	Nu-Plains (Trigwell) 1st	\$2,500	\$2,500	6	24%	\$15,000
SA	Feb-07	Woonallee/Waterfront 2nd Sale	\$21,000	\$6,159	33	97%	\$203,247
QLD	Feb-07	All Breeds Bull Sale, Rockhampton	\$4,500	\$2,961	13	65%	\$38,493
SA	Mar-07	Corinda Downs bull sale	\$7,500	\$3,677	26	87%	\$95,602
SA	Mar-07	Naracoorte	\$8,000	\$3,933	15	68%	\$58,995
SA	Mar-07	New Direction (Lancaster)	\$5,500	\$3,236	37	82%	\$119,732
SA	Mar-07	Yerwell	\$5,000	\$3,598	23	66%	\$82,754
VIC	Apr-07	Pert Black Simmental	\$6,000	\$3,125	11	100%	\$34,375
QLD	Apr-07	Longreach	\$4,500	\$2,614	11	100%	\$28,754
NSW	Apr-07	Prime Beef Simmental Sale, Illabo	\$5,000	\$2,662	17	65%	\$45,254
VIC	May-07	Southern Simmental Sale, Wodonga (bulls)	\$3,500	\$2,615	11	41%	\$28,765
NSW	May-07	Goonoo Creek dispersal	\$11,000	\$4,583	12	80%	\$54,996
QLD	Jul-07	Agrow, Emerald	\$10,000	\$4,995	22	100%	\$109,890
NSW	Aug-07	Hills of Gold bull sale	\$9,000	\$3,702	53	68%	\$196,206
NSW	Aug-07	Barana bull sale	\$18,000	\$3,934	38	73%	\$149,492
QLD	Sep-07	AgShow, Toowoomba	\$5,000	\$2,917	6	40%	\$17,502
QLD	Sep-07	Wandoan bull sale	\$9,000	\$3,964	58	89%	\$229,912
QLD	Sep-07	Gowrie Simmental bull sale	\$5,000	\$3,898	17	100%	\$66,266
QLD	Sep-07	Rockhampton BCM	\$15,000	\$4,509	56	100%	\$252,504
3	Simbrah bull sales		\$10,000	\$3,935	69	96%	\$271,525
QLD	Sep-07	Wandoan bull sale	\$3,500	\$2,750	4	57%	\$11,000
QLD	Sep-07	Rockhampton BCM	\$4,500	\$3,750	4	100%	\$15,000
QLD	Sep-07	Gowrie Simbrah bull sale	\$10,000	\$4,025	61	100%	\$245,525
5	Simmental female sales		\$12,500	\$3,426	97	92%	\$332,343
SA	Feb-07	Woonallee/Waterfront 2nd sale	\$8,250	\$4,417	12	100%	\$53,004
NSW	Apr-07	Prime Beef Simmental Sale, Illabo	\$2,600	\$1,763	27	82%	\$47,601
VIC	May-07	Southern Simmental Sale, Wodonga (females)	\$4,000	\$2,222	9	82%	\$19,998
NSW	Aug-07	Barana sale	\$2,750	\$2,025	10	100%	\$20,250
NSW	May-07	Goonoo Creek dispersal	\$12,500	\$4,910	39	100%	\$191,490

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Calf Registrations 2006

Simmental	3675
Black Simmental	396
Red Simmental	148
SimAngus	67
Simbrah	151

Total Registrations 4437

SPR 738

Increase of 22 per cent

Despite the drought, registrations grew strongly in 2006, with Primary registrations increasing by 22 per cent to 4437 and the Secondary Register posting a 62pc gain to 738.

Average up to 8.8 calves

These 2006 born calves were produced by 505 sires, averaging 8.8 registered calves per sire. Twenty-five per cent (125) of these were overseas sires, producing 22.6% of all registered calves. The table shows the sires that produced the most calves in each register in 2006.

Most Popular Sires 2006

SIRES PRODUCING SIMMENTAL CALVES (459)

		Simmental
BHR THREE SIXES SA L666E	IMUPW666	59
BARANA ZULU (P)	PTCPZ054	53
TENNYSONVAKLE MR WALLACE (P)	BXNPW026	52
BARANA XCHANGE (P)	PTCPX094	46
BREWERS BANDIT S117 (P)	DBBPS117	36
CLAY GULLY TWAIN	BRDPT410	34
BANDEEKA XODY	LGKPX217	34
MAJ ROBO	SDMPX039	34
WILLANDRA XIAN	AJYPX031	32
BARANA YEARDLEIGH (P)	PTCPY067	32
VINTAGE MERCEDES	WSRPV145	32
KYKSO HAPED	PEDBX1682	31
PIPER WWW DOT COM	KELPW206	30
BARANA YARDLEY (P)	PTCPY061	30

SIRES PRODUCING BLACK SIMMENTAL CALVES (25)

		Black Simmental
CNS DREAM ON L186 (P) (BL) (ET)	IMUPW186	26
GW LUCKY ONE 686K (P)	PEDBX1657	19
GW LUCKY DICE 187H (P) (BL)	IMUPT187	18
CNS POWER SOURCE 070K (P) (BL) (ET)	IMUPV070	16
SRS J914 PREFERRED BEEF (P) (BL)	IMUPU914	15
GW LUCKY CHARM 665K (P) (BL)	IMU2V665	14
CARISBROOK VALIANT (BL)	LRCPV008	11

SIRES PRODUCING RED SIMMENTAL CALVES (27)

		Red Simmental
TRENTONFARMS PRINCE HARRY (P) (RED)	OLMPX002	12
ALTAS TOPLINE K57 (P) (RED) (ET)	IMUPV057	10
LCHMAN BODYBUILDER 7303F (P) (RED)	IMUPR7303	8
STF STARQUEST N114 (P) (RED) (ET)	IMUPY114	6
GOOMABURRA YELLOWSTONE (P) (RED)	BNLPY210	6
LRS RED REALITY 33J (P) (RED)	IMUPU033	5
BF K030 RED SNAPPER (P) (RED)	IMUPV030	5

SIRES PRODUCING SIMANGUS CALVES (37)

		SimAngus
DENHAM COURT GUMBY (P) (BL)	PAL2Z308	12
BARANA VAGABOND (P)	PTCPV072	10
WILLANDRA YOUNG GUN PCSY5 (P)	AASOY905	9
BACK COUNTRY Y-369 (P)	MBFPY369	7
CNS DREAM ON L186 (P) (BL) (ET)	IMUPW186	6
INLET VIEWS FOUR X (ET)	DNKPX702	6
GW LUCKY DICE 187H (P) (BL)	IMUPT187	5
CARISBROOK VALIANT (BL)	LRCPV008	5
SLOPES BARKER	MBFOX056	5

SIRES PRODUCING SIMBRAH CALVES (9)

		Simbrah
BIZZY REDMAN	BOS0Y3773	5
GLENVIEW DEL YAKKA	RYAPY005	3
BARANA XTREME (P)	PTCPX090	2
HILLVIEW PARK OLIVER	BOS0U002	2

New accredited AI sires

The following list of imported and Australian sires have been admitted as Accredited AI Sires. Members may use these bulls to sire registrable calves.

New Accredited AI Sires

ACCREDITED AI SIRE NAME	Ident No	Horn Status	Eye Pigment (L/R)	Birth Wt.(kg) EBV	200 day Wt.(kg) EBV	400 day Wt.(kg) EBV	Milk (kg) EBV
Breed Average (2005 born calves)				1.5	14	24	8

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BAR 5 SA HARRACH 801P (ET)	IMCPZ801	Dehorn	100/0	-	-	-	-
DFM MARCUS 14M	IMCPX014	Scur	0/100	-1.4	6	14	15
LRX KEGGER 48P	IMCPZ048	Dehorn	100/100	2.9	24	37	4
MF MR. EVAN 14P	IMUPZ014	Dehorn	100/0	-	-	-	-
WAI-ITI NOTORIOUS AN121	IWIPY121	Dehorn	70/0	1.6	18	28	10
WOONALLEE GLADIATOR (ET)	WEEPZ067	Dehorn		-0.7	11	27	9
WOONALLEE HADAU (ET)	WEEPA032	Dehorn		1.4	8	17	-
WOONALLEE KAINO A57 (ET)	WEEPA057	Dehorn		0.2	3	8	-
WOONALLEE MASSIE A500 (ET)	WEEPA500	Dehorn		-0.8	1	11	-
WYVERN MAGNIFICENT	IMCPW003	Dehorn	100/100	-	-	-	-

BLACK SIMMENTAL

BAR CK VISION 227P (P) (BL) (ET)	IMUPZ227	Polled	100/100	-2.6	11	19	0
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CEO leaves association

THE association's president, Bill Almond, has announced that the association's chief executive officer, Peter Speers, will be leaving the association at the end of the year.

In announcing Mr Speers' pending departure from the association, Mr Almond paid tribute to the significant contribution Mr Speers has made in managing the association during the past 20 years.

"During this period Peter has played a major role in designing and implementing many programs that have benefited the breed and association members," he said.

"Peter's management expertise and dedication to promoting our breed will be a great loss to our association and we all wish him every success in his future endeavours.

"Peter has been a strong and effective advocate of the Simmental and Simbrah breeds in many industry forums within Australia.

"He has also been a strong representative of our association internationally, through his role as chairman of the World Simmental Fleckvieh Federation's Beef Committee and his involvement in export marketing programs for Australian Simmental and Simbrah.

"We are delighted that Peter has agreed to organise and lead the Simmental



LEFT: After 20 years with the breed, Simmental Australia chief executive officer, Peter Speers, is calling it a day. He is with president, Bill Almond.

Trade Mission to the United Kingdom in June next year."

Mr Speers was recruited to the association in 1987 from NSW Agriculture after a successful 20-year career as principal beef cattle officer and previously as district beef cattle officer at both Inverell and Tamworth, New South Wales.

In commenting on his pending departure from the Simmental Association, Mr Speers reflected both on achievements during the past 20 years with the association and on the bright future the Simmental breed faced.

"After an incredibly enjoyable and professionally rewarding 20 years with the association, I am now looking forward to pursuing new challenges," he said.

"The association has a wonderful group of members, committed to the ongoing improvement of the breed and expanding its influence throughout the Australian cattle industry.

"I am confident that the Simmental breed will continue to make major advances in the future, including a growing export demand for the unique advantages that Australian Simmentals possess."

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Albany bulls to \$10,000

SIMMENTAL bulls sold strongly in Western Australia, as evidenced by the first multi-vendor bull sale in 2007.

Three studs sold 12 Simmental bulls in

the annual Blue Ribbon multi-breed sale, achieving a top price of \$10,000 and a solid average of \$3375.

Kevin and Janice Hard's Naracoopa Simmentals, Denmark, WA, sold seven bulls for an average of \$3750 and a top of \$10,000.

Their top bull, Naracoopa Amazon, sired by Quandering Saint, was purchased by Charles Cowcher, Willandra Simmentals, Williams, WA, who

was keen to utilise the influential sire line of Buckingham Pagan, present on both sides of the pedigree.

Kevin Hard believed Amazon was the best bull the Naracoopa stud had bred.

Naracoopa also sold a \$5500 bull, Naracoopa Archie, to William Bay Farms.

G. Boccuzzi secured two Naracoopa bulls for \$5250 each and R.P. Thornton purchased Naracoopa Apple Jack for \$4500 and a second bull for \$3250.

Murray McLean's Scottsdale Simmentals, Forest Hill, WA, sold two for \$3250 and \$3000, and WA College of Agriculture, Inlet Views Simmentals, Denmark, sold three bulls to a top of \$3000.

Sale Summary

Breed	Vendors	Sold	Offered	Top Price	Average Price
Simmental	3	12	16	\$10,000	\$3,375
Charolais	2	10	11	\$6,750	\$4,174
Limousin	2	1	4	\$2,500	\$2,500
Angus	3	24	25	\$6,000	\$4,177
Red Angus	1	2	3	\$8,000	\$4,000
Murray Grey	3	12	12	\$4,000	\$3,270

Brunswick Supreme to \$6500 top

SIX Simmental studs sold bulls to a \$6500 top at the WALSA multi-breed Western Australian Supreme Bull Sale at Brunswick, in February.

In all, 14 of 22 bulls averaged \$3875, with the majority of the passed-in bulls selling after the sale.

Rob and Minnie Italiano, Rosemont Park

Simmentals, Harvey, WA, sold the 1025-kilogram top-priced bull, Rosemont Park Zottle, by Grimich Park Primus S52.

He was purchased by first-time Simmental buyers, D.J. and M.D.J. Milne, Esperance, WA, who were attracted by his frame and muscle, and will be used to add muscling to their calves from Hereford cows.

Vern Pitter, Waroona, WA, paid \$3500 for Rosemont Park Zimbo.

David and Audrey Weightman, Topweight Simmentals, Margaret River, WA, achieved the top average price of \$4583 in the Simmental section.

They sold three bulls, with their top-priced \$5500 bull, Topweight Admire A Bull, selling to Colin Thexton, Independent Rural Agents, Pemberton, WA.

Brad and Sylvia Patterson, Bullock Hills

Simmentals, Katanning, WA, sold four bulls for a top of \$6250 and a \$4313 average.

Their top bull, Bullock Hills Ali, by BHR Three Sixes, sold to R.H. and S.J. Manning, Busselton, WA.

The Mannings bought another, Bullock Hills Assassin, also by Three Sixes, for \$4500.

Bernie and Francine Dulex, Suissebrise Simmentals, Boyup Brook, WA, sold Suissebrise Amigo, by BH Right Time, for \$2750 to G. and G. Brunetto, Kewdale, WA.

Paul Tuckey, Mubarn Simmentals, Pinjarra, WA, sold his bull, Mubarn Achilles, for \$2500 to Blythewood Past Company, Pinjarra.

The WA College of Agriculture, Inlet Views Simmentals, Denmark, sold Inlet Views Apache for \$2500 to R.H. Norman and Son, Busselton.

Sale Summary

Stud	Sold	Top	Average
Bullock Hills	4	\$6,250	\$4,313
Suissebrise	1	\$2,750	\$2,750
Mubarn	1	\$2,500	\$2,500
Rosemont Park	4	\$6,500	\$3,875
Topweight	3	\$5,500	\$4,583
Inlet Views	1	\$2,500	\$2,500
Total	14	\$6,500	\$3,875

Willandra bulls average \$4034

SIMMENTAL bulls sold to a top price of \$6250 at Charles Cowcher and family's 19th annual Willandra Simmental bull sale, Williams, Western Australia.

A total of 22 bulls sold to an average of \$4034, up \$141 on last year's sale.

The \$6250 top-priced bull was Willandra Anaconda, a full brother to last year's top-priced bull by Piper Dot Com.

He was selected for stud sire use by Norm Trigwell, Nu-Plains Simmentals, Boyanup, WA, who described him as an early-maturing bull and having the high 200- and 400-day weight estimated breeding values required by the feedlots.

Kevin and Janice Hard, Naracoopa Simmentals, Denmark, WA, selected the \$6000 Willandra Assassin, by MAJ Robo.

S.G. and E. Pearce, Kojonup, WA, paid \$6000 for the 21-month-old Willandra Antonio, another Piper Dot Com son.

Wellدون Beef, Williams, purchased a \$5000 early-maturing bull and David and Audrey Weightman, Topweight Simmentals, Margaret River, WA, selected a \$4750 bull, as did Melchiorre Farms, Narrogin, WA.

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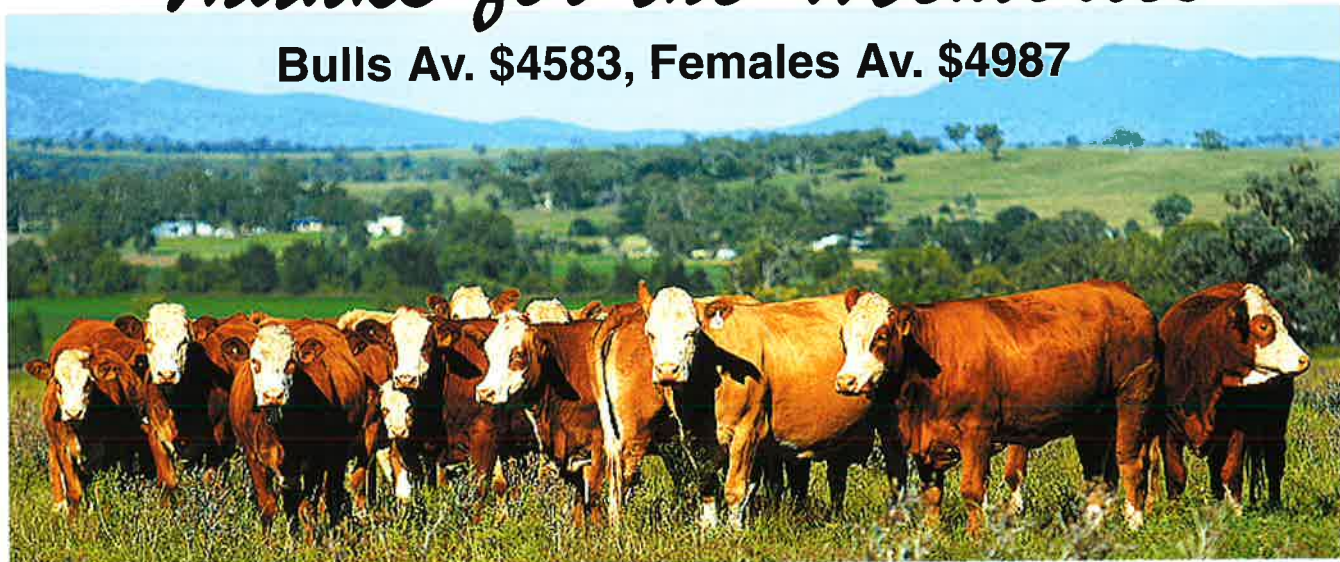
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Bulls to \$6800 at Caringa

CARINGA Simmental stud, operated by Lindsay and Tracy Yates, Bindoon, WA, experienced another strong on-property bull sale in January.

In all, 24 Simmental bulls sold to \$6800 and a strong average of \$3492.

The top-priced lot, Caringa Eagle Rock, by Caringa Hercules Y139, sold for \$6800 to repeat buyer, and buyer of last year's top selling bull, K.E. and J.M. Pech, Gnowangerup, WA, who planned to use

him in their 450 Simmental/Poll Hereford herd.

Weighing 894 kilograms, Eagle Rock was polled, well muscled and had an impressive set of estimated breeding values.

Another repeat buyer, H.J. and K. Stokes and Sons, Mingenew, WA, purchased two bulls, Caringa Midnight Sun at \$5200, and Caringa English Ale for \$5100.

Volume and repeat buyers, I. and J. Minty and Sons, bought three bulls at \$4000, \$2600 and \$2500.

The Catholic Agricultural College, Bindoon, selected the 914kg Caringa Dream Time for \$4500 to add to their stud's sire battery.

The Yates were pleased with the sale result, citing a higher top price and solid support from repeat and new clients.

Bonnydale bulls to \$5500

BULLS sold to a top price of \$5500 at the Introvigne family's 11th annual Bonnydale Simmental bull sale, Bridgetown, Western Australia.

A total of 37 bulls sold to an average of \$3608, which co-principals, Mike and Rob Introvigne, regarded as a pleasing result, with a large attendance of new and repeat buyers.

Return buyer, Bob Pessotto, Manjimup, WA, secured the \$5,500 top-priced bull, Bonnydale Eastern Star, by Bonnydale Arnold.

The 22-month-old's moderate birthweight estimated breeding value, good milk figures and intramuscular fat

ideally suited their requirements.

He will be used in their 70 Simmental cow herd to breed bulls for use in their 300 Angus/Friesian cow herd.

Two bulls made second-top price of \$5250.

One sold to Jardanup, Manjimup, WA, the other to repeat buyers, K.M. Taylor, Capel, WA.

G.H., K.L. and B.A. Williams, Denmark, secured the heaviest bull, 932 kilograms, for \$4000.

I.E. and M. Gerschwitz, Esperance, WA purchased two bulls for \$5000 and \$4250.

G. Boccuzzi, Denmark, purchased two for \$4250 and \$4000.

Bandeeka to \$4500 top at Elgin, WA

TONY and Loreen Kitchen's Bandeeka Simmentals, Elgin, staged their second Simmental bull sale at Elgin, achieving a higher top price of \$4500 and a \$3045 average for the 11 bulls sold at auction.

While the clearance at auction was disappointing, new and repeat buyers vied for the quality bulls on offer.

Michael Bennett, Hillbrook Contracts, Northcliffe, WA, purchased his first Bandeeka Simmental sire, the \$4500 top-priced bull, Bandeeka Accordion.

This 14-month-old appealing son of Bandeeka New Zealand had panda eyes and weighed 710 kilograms.

Mr Bennett has been breeding Simmentals for 22 years.

A.M. Gronucci, Manjimup, WA, purchased the second-highest-priced bull, Bandeeka Appeal, for \$3500.

T.B. Marshall, Cranbrook, purchased Bandeeka Ashton for \$3250.

G.R. and M.L. Styles, Manjimup, also paid \$3250 for Bandeeka Artist.

M.J. and C.H. Bleachmore, Boyup Brook, was a volume buyer, selecting three bulls at \$3000, \$2500 and \$2500.

Corinda Downs avg \$3676

THE fifth annual sale for Mark and Julie Peucker's Corinda Downs stud, Mt Gambier, South Australia, on March 9 was their best yet.

In all, 26 bulls were offered and sold for an average of \$3676.

The top-priced bull, Corinda Downs Arnie, went to Bill and Elaine Sleep, Billanbri, Woolsthorpe, for \$7500.

Arnie had Breedplan estimated breeding values for the three growth traits which were double the breed average, the largest eye muscle area, intra-muscular

fat and weight of his group, and was also polled – a very complete, powerful sire with all the cosmetics of a dark red coat and big eyes.

The Sleeps also bought Armidale for \$3750, a son of the Canadian artificial insemination sire, Iroc Rocket 57K.

Bill and Elaine have been supporting the Corinda Downs sale since it began in 2003.

Volume buyer, Bob Cruze, put together six bulls for an average of \$3375, including both the SimAngus bulls offered.

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The York Family, Billa Park Simmentals, Dulacca, Qld purchased Barana Allister for \$8,000.



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- ◆ The Moore Family, Lucrana Simmentals, Texas, Qld — top price at the Wandoan Simmental Bull Sale, with a bull sired by Barana Shakespeare.
- ◆ The Allan Family, Noanga Simmentals, Curlewis, NSW — top price at the Agri Show, Toowoomba Bull Sale, with a bull sired by Barana Woodstock.

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Rockhampton avg \$4509

SIMMENTAL bulls faced strong demand and achieved excellent sales results at the third BCM bull sale at Rockhampton, Queensland, in early September.

The BCM Group and invited vendors were delighted with the sale result – a 100 per cent clearance of 56 Simmental bulls for an average \$4509 and 100 per cent clearance of four Simbrah bulls for a \$3750 average.

Vendors were Rob and Viv Laycock, Clay Gully Simmentals, Esk, Qld; Rodney and Elisabeth Skene, Meldon Park Simmentals, Dalby, Qld; Ross and Heather Milner, Bushlands Simmentals and Simbrahs, Baralaba, Qld; Robbie Shaw, Yarrayne Simmentals and

Simbrahs, Esk; and Scott York, Billa Park Simmentals, Dalby, Qld.

A range of buyers were present, some looking to fill bulk order requirements in central and northern Queensland, through to buyers in southern Queensland.

Rob and Viv Laycock, Clay Gully Simmentals, Esk, gained the top price of \$15,000 for their 2007 Brisbane Royal Show grand champion, Clay Gully Agrow, purchased by Brian and Arlie Wormwell, Monivae Simmentals and Simbrahs, Tara.

This is the second time the Wormwells have purchased the top-priced bull at the annual BCM sale.

They also gained the second-top price

of \$11,000 for Clay Gully Abdul, reserve senior champion at Brisbane Royal Show, purchased by Neville Edwards, Rolleston, Qld. Neville purchased a total of four bulls for a \$7125 average.

They also sold a \$6000 bull to Noel and Jill Mobbs, Gowrie Simmental and Simbrah stud, Charleville, Qld.

The Mobbs family bought another bull for \$5500 from the York Family's Billa Park Simmental stud, Dalby.

Rodney and Elisabeth Skene, Meldon Park Simmentals, achieved a good result, selling 22 bulls for a \$3727 average, including the \$5500 top-priced Simbrah, Meldon Park 726, purchased by Muirhead Pastoral Company, Collinsville, Qld.

Gowrie bull sale to top of \$10,000

NOEL and Jill Mobbs, Gowrie Station, Charleville, Queensland, staged their eighth Annual Gowrie Simmental and Simbrah bull sale on September 28.

The sale was again a resounding success, despite shaky seasonal conditions in much of the State.

There was a 100 per cent clearance of the 76 bulls offered and an overall sale average of \$3995.

In all, 61 Simbrah bulls sold to a top of \$10,000 for Gowrie B146, purchased by repeat buyer, Peter Emery, Lockerbie Farms, Roma, Qld.

Mr Emery also bought Gowrie B174 (P) for \$5000.

Mac Allan and Sons, "Erne", Blackall, Qld, returned to buy 10 bulls after using Gowrie bulls for more than 10 years.

Buyers were impressed with the consistent high quality of the Gowrie bulls on offer, the result of years of breeding using top Simmental and Brahman bloodlines coupled with a strict selection policy based on functionality.

Mr Mobbs said he was pleased to see a 100pc clearance.

Wandoan to \$9000

A MARKET buoyed by improved seasonal conditions and renewed interest in Simmental genetics was encountered at the Wandoan Simmental and Simbrah sale in Queensland.

Ten vendors sold 62 bulls in an 86 per cent clearance for a \$3847 average, topping at \$9000.

The top-priced bull, Lucrana A057, from the Moore Family's Lucrana Simmental stud, was a heavily muscled 22-month-old bull weighing 950 kilograms and sired by Barana Shakespeare.

Fellow vendors, Trevor and Jenny York, Hyde Park Simmentals, Wallumbilla, Qld, purchased him.

The York family also outlaid \$8000 for another Shakespeare son, Lucrana Lawson, boasting an eye muscle area of 140 square centimetres.

The Moore family sold 12 Simmentals for the leading average of \$4792 and the top-priced Simbrah sire at \$3500.

Largest vendors, the Yorks, Hyde Park Simmentals, sold 14 for an average of \$4036 and a top of \$8000.

Wayne, Scott, and Luke York, Billa Park Simmentals, were also pleased with their sale, selling 10 bulls for a \$4200 average and topping at \$6000, twice.

Long-time breed supporters, John and Jan Burnett, "Bendemeer", Clermont, Qld, purchased both \$6000 Billa Park bulls.

The Burnetts bought 10 bulls for a \$4400 average.

Bevan Johnson, Bareen Simmentals, achieved a 100pc clearance for his 10, averaging \$3050.

Emerald meets demand

SIMMENTAL bulls faced strong demand and achieved excellent sales at the multi-breed bull sale at Emerald, Qld, in July.

Four Simmental studs entered a total of 22 bulls, achieving a 100 per cent clearance and a \$4995 average.

The Simmental average was the highest breed average for the sale and the clearance was the envy of many other vendors.

Rodney and Elisabeth Skene, Meldon Park Simmentals, Dalby, Qld, achieved the top average of \$7250 and a top of \$10,000 for their six bulls.

Other delighted vendors were Rob and Viv Laycock, Clay Gully Simmentals, Esk, Qld; Ross Milner, Bushlands Simmentals, Baralaba, Qld, and Anton Volker, Goomaburra Simmentals, Felton East, Qld.

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Premier bulls to top of \$21,000

A BIG crowd of more than 300 people, from five Australian States and overseas, attended the third Premier Genetic Simmental Sale, staged by the Woonallee and Waterfront studs at Furner in south-eastern South Australia on February 9.

For the third successive year, the sale achieved a top price exceeding \$20,000. The 30 Simmental and three composite bulls averaged \$6159, while 12 unmated heifers sold to \$8250 and averaged \$4417.

Two pregnant recipients rounded out the sale at an average of \$2875, pushing the overall sale gross to \$262,000.

Sixteen of the 33 bulls which sold (48 per cent) made from \$3000 to \$5000.

Dale Bateman, Kanangra Props, Millicent, purchased Waterfront's 2006 Adelaide junior and grand champion bull for \$3000.

The sale commenced with Woonallee Kaino A57, carrying South African genetics, which sold to Gary and Jacqui

Rahley, Aussie Park Simmental stud, Clifton, Queensland, for \$21,000.

Also regulars at the sale were Derek and Shelley Piper, "Orana", Coolah, New South Wales, who picked up Woonallee Massie A500, the other top young spring-drop South African-blood sire, for the sale's second top price of \$12,500.

They later added a top young heifer for \$3750 in a great day's buying.

Woonallee Artic A59, by BHR Three Sixes, followed the two spring-drop bulls and also sold for \$12,500.

The successful bidders were top SA commercial breeders and long time supporters of Woonallee genetics, James and Georgie McKay, Egremont, Lucindale.

Ian and Maureen Heinrich, Greenways, were the successful bidders at \$10,000 on Woonallee Aspect, by Three Sixes; a value purchase price they were able to achieve primarily because of the high number of quality bulls on offer.

The Heinrichs were also prominent bidders last year; being underbidders on last year's \$21,500 top-priced bull and later purchasing Waterfront's second top-priced bull at \$9000.

Association president, Bill Almond, Kensileyre, Wagga Wagga, NSW, selected a South African outcross bull, Woonallee Africanus A45, for \$5250.

Whittlesea avg \$2812

THE annual Victorian Simmental spring sale held at the Whittlesea Sale Complex, Victoria, on November 10, experienced a solid demand for the high quality offering of registered Simmental cattle offered.

In all, 16 head topped at \$5500, grossing \$45,000 and averaging \$2812, up \$812 on last year.

Don Mathieson, Brenair Park, Drysdale, Vic, paid top price of \$5500 for Bywong Park Lucy, offered by Gary and Sandra Schilg, "Bywong Park", Burrumbuttock, NSW.

He also paid \$2000 for Dandavon Dabrina (P) from Greg and Jeanette Huggins, Dandavon stud, Mount Egerton, Vic.

Bill and Elaine Sleep, "Billanbri", Woolsthorpe, Vic, purchased eight animals for an average of \$3156.

These included a pair of pregnancy-tested-in-calf (PTIC) heifers, Trijena Brilliant \$5250, and Trijena Bindy (P) \$4250, from Frank and Francie Rizzo's Trijena Park, Mickleham, Vic.

To top off the eight was Pinaroohills Angela at \$3000 from Chris and Peter Wenn's Pinaroohills stud, Narre Warren, Vic, and Greg and Dandavon Dardia for \$1250 from Jeanette Huggins' Dandavon stud.

Greg and Jeanette Huggins purchased Bywong Park Wanda for \$4000 from Gary and Sandra Schilg.

I. and J. Johnston, Glenburn, Vic, purchased two females for \$1250 each, Dandavon Dellacie, and the five-year-old PTIC Maverick Red Fen (P).

Sale Summary

	Bulls	Females	PTIC Recips
Offered	34	12	2
Sold	33	12	2
Clearance	97%	100%	100%
Top Price	\$21,000	\$8,250	\$3,250
Average Price	\$6,159	\$4,417	\$2,875

Heifers to \$8250 for Woonallee

THE group of eight Woonallee and four Waterfront heifers were much admired before the sale, with the results reflecting the level of interest at the Woonallee/Waterfront female sale, Furner, South Australia.

Martin Rowlands, GeneStar, Albion, Queensland, paid \$8250 for the top-priced Woonallee heifer, buying with Lou Allison, KBV Simmentals, Kallangur, Qld.

This would be the highest unmated Simmental heifer price for a long time and eclipsed last year's \$8000 top.

She was sired by BHR Mystique and from Woonallee Lady Suzi Z9, offering a unique performance pedigree.

Joe and Joanne Peel, Haliotis Fisheries, Mallacoota, Victoria, were underbidders on this lot, but didn't miss out on any others they had picked out.

They purchased six heifers, including the only Three Sixes daughter on offer from Woonallee for \$6500, plus the top Waterfront lot at \$5000 to average \$5042.

Peter and Toni Rauchle, Springside

Simmentals, Pittsworth, Qld, accompanied the Rahleys to the sale and went home with three high quality heifers.

They paid from \$2000 to \$3500 for their successful bids.

Brad Creek, Six Creeks Simmentals, Mt Gambier, SA, paid \$3250 for one of the two pregnant recipients on offer.

The other went to Fred Schuetze, Buzzard Hollow Ranch, Texas, US, with whom Woonallee has a strong stud breeding relationship.

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Southern sale to \$4000

THE 2007 Southern Simmental sale, held at Wodonga, Victoria, on May 1, resulted in a top price of \$3500 for bulls and \$4000 for females.

Despite recent rain, the drought conditions were evident at the sale, with 11 bulls selling for a \$2614 average and nine females selling for a \$2222 average.

The sale was organised by the association's NSW Branch and conducted by Elders and Landmark.

Ancare was the major sponsor of the show and sale, and the Young People's program held the previous day (page 30).

The sale included a range of led and unled Simmental, Black Simmental, Red Simmental and SimAngus cattle.

The sale followed a showing of led sale lots, adjudicated by Tom Baker, Woonallee Simmentals, Furner, South Australia.

Sale Summary

Type	Sold	Clear	Top	Average
Bulls	11	41%	\$3,500	\$2,614
Females	9	82%	\$4,000	\$2,222
Total	20	53%	\$4,000	\$2,438

He selected as his supreme champion the grand champion female, Bywong Park Sophie, entered by Gary and Sandra Shilg, Bywong Park, Burrumbuttock.

The dark red, polled 18-month-old Sophie was sired by Reagent Park Kev from Brewers Karen, pregnancy-tested-in-calf to Woonallee Gladiador, and sold to Helen Rawson, Bungendore, NSW, for the top price of \$4000.

Tom Baker selected Milton View Aussie, entered by Jim and Ellen Mison, Milton View Simmentals, Milton, as his grand champion bull.

Aussie was sired by Arnold's Zumutwo from Milton View Dulcie.

The 23-month-old, dark red bull weighed 860 kilograms and had an eye muscle area of 120 square centimetres.

He later sold for the sale's equal-top bull price of \$3500 to Turners Mahonga Park, Rand, NSW, the volume buyer selecting five bulls for an average \$2600.

Milton View sold five bulls and three females.

Junior stud member, Nicole Tull, PMS Simmentals, Yea, Vic, purchased a Milton View bull, Milton View A-Beat,

for the equal-top bull price of \$3500.

She also selected two Milton View females at \$1500 each, Milton View Alexandria, and Milton View Beth.

Another junior stud member, Jessica Lewis, Karagundi Simmentals, Berry, selected the \$3000 polled Skillogalee Apple Crumble (P), entered by Nawarra Simmentals, McLaren Vale, SA.

Lindesay and Janet Allan, Noanga Simmentals, Curlewis, sold Noanga Plumbob (P) for \$3000 to Turners Mahonga Park and Noanga Faye (P) for \$1500 to J. Rich and Partners, Marapana Moruya Simmentals, Walkerville, Vic.

Alan and Marj Anderson, Wendourie Simmentals, Crookwell, sold three bulls to \$3000 for an average \$2500.

The \$3000 bull, MAJ Napoleon - A, was purchased by James Shaw, Mansfield, Vic.

Daryl Jones, Simmental Genetics, Moorooduc, Vic, sold a black SimAngus heifer, Simmgene Black Nora A502 (P), for \$3000 to Brewer Simmentals, Wodonga.

He also sold a purebred Black Simmental heifer, Simmgene Black Allure (P), for \$2000 to Ian and Tracey Cary's TLC Simmentals, Hoskinstown.

Hills of Gold to \$9000

THE Hills of Gold Simmental bull sale, held at "Wombramurra", Nundle, NSW, on August 15, attracted a large crowd and achieved a solid sale result, with a top price of \$9000 to average \$3702.

Bulls were offered by Peter and Judy Howarth's Wombramurra stud, Nundle, Rory and Patricia Murphy's Monreid stud, Nundle, and Derek and Shelly Piper's Piper stud, Coolah, NSW.

The sale featured purebred Simmentals and Black Simmentals as well as a range of Simmental-infused bulls.

It was opened by Tony Thompson, Glen Anthony Simmentals, New Zealand, who has had great show success with the \$25,000 Monreid Yardstick he purchased several years ago.

M.J. and D.B. Kelly, Currabubula, NSW, selected the \$9000 top-priced bull, Monreid Barometer, a Sydney Royal Show winner by Waterfront Tasman from Monreid Zoe.

John McNeil, Windradeen Pastoral, Wantabadgery, bought three bulls to \$4500 and an average \$3500.

The registered purebred Black Simmentals offered by Wombramurra, bred from imported embryos, attracted strong interest, with all eight selling for an average \$5625.

Brad Croaker, Goulburn, selected two Black Simmental bulls at \$7250 and \$6000.

Powerhouse Pastoral, Nundle, selected one for \$6000, and Homesworth Pastoral, Tamworth, snapped one up for \$5500.

Barana bull to \$18,000

BARANA Simmentals, Coolah, NSW, held its seventh annual bull sale on August 20, attracting a large crowd and achieving a solid sale result.

Noel and Jill Mobbs, Gowrie Pastoral Company, Charleville, Queensland, bought the top-priced bull at \$18,000, Barana Angelo, by Barana Yardley (P) from Barana Winne (P).

Stud principal, Peter Cook, was pleased with the overall result, noting that there were bulls sold at a spread of prices to suit a range of buyers' needs. A number of passed-in bulls were sold after the sale.

In total, 35 Simmental bulls sold at auction for an average \$4014, with three SimAngus bulls selling to \$4250 to average \$3000.

The 10 Simmental heifers were all

snapped up for an average of \$2025 and topped at \$2750.

Volume buyers included repeat buyer R.L. Rankin, Muswellbrook, NSW, buying four bulls for a \$3000 average.

Wahroonga bought three for a \$3167 average, and the Nowlands, Gunnedah, NSW, purchased two for a \$4500 average.

Eric Harvey, Geurie Rural, Geurie, NSW, selected a bull for \$3500 and a heifer for \$1500.

Stan White, Vintage Simmentals, Kingaroy, Qld, bought Barana Bolton for \$9000 and the York family, Billa Park Simmentals, bought Barana Allister for \$8000.

Regan Burows, Yerwel Estate Simmentals, Naracoorte, South Australia, purchased Barana Brandberg (P) for \$4000.

Goonoo dispersal to \$12,500 top

A LARGE crowd attended the dispersal sale of Graham and Sandra Jordan's Goonoo Creek Simmental stud, Tamworth, NSW, on May 23.

Recognising the depth of quality throughout the herd, developed through 19 years of the stud's operation, buyers bid with confidence for the 52 lots, and nine semen and six embryo packages.

The results were a fitting reward for the stud, which has enjoyed years of showing success, including the major broadribbons at the Sydney Royal Show this year, and the coveted most successful exhibitor award.

Top selling lots included: Goonoo Creek Ace for \$12,500, purchased by the Hodge family's Waterfront Simmentals, Tintinara, South Australia; Goonoo Creek Awesome (P) for \$11,000, purchased by Paul Farrant, Grafton, NSW; Goonoo Creek Applause for \$10,000, purchased by J. and N. Hopkins, Wormbete Simmentals, Junee, NSW, and Goonoo Creek Anna for \$10,000, purchased by Wade Jordan's Yarramore Simmentals, Tamworth, NSW.

There were cattle available to suit all buyers, with 35 buyers snapping up the 65 lots.

Cattle from Goonoo Creek went to studs seeking new and proven genetics.

Capitalise with crossbreeding

THE strength of the Simmental breed is invaluable when it comes to crossbreeding in commercial cattle enterprises, providing many added benefits to boost herd profits.

Simmental Australia chief executive officer, Peter Speers, provided attendees to the Bonnydale Black Bonanza field day in Bridgetown, Western Australia, in early October with an insight into this when he discussed the Simmental breed and its various genetic strains.

"Crossbreeding allows producers to capitalise on both hybrid vigour and the ability to blend the best traits of two or more breeds," he said.

"Hybrid vigour is the free lunch in cattle breeding, delivering 10 to 25 per cent production advantages, especially for traits of low heritability such as fertility.

"Equally as important is to blend traits to deliver progeny that better meet production, environment and market requirements.

"Since its introduction to Australia 35 years ago, Simmentals have been widely used in crossbreeding programs, producing high quality weaners and vealers with greater weight for age, more carcase yield and resulting higher profits."

Simmentals delivered rapid weight for age, excellent muscling, high fertility, docility and the bonus of strong maternal traits of milk and mothering ability, according to Mr Speers.

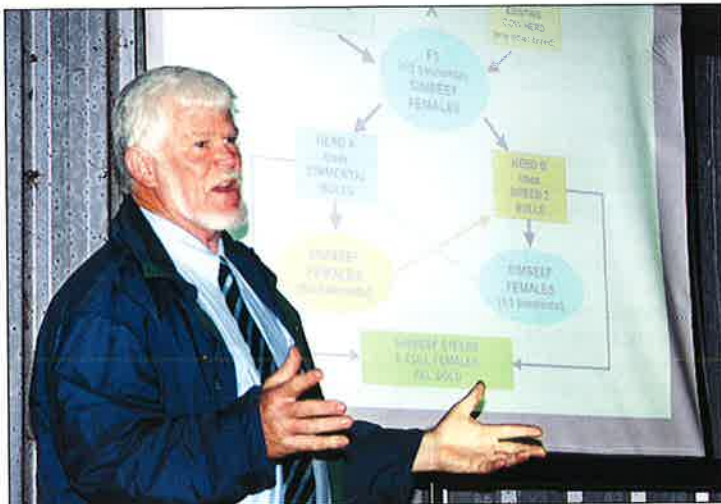
"An often overlooked bonus in using Simmentals is the higher value of the cull cows," he said.

"Most herds sell 10pc to 15pc of their cow herd as cast-for-age cows every year.

"Simmental infused cull cows, being heavier and better muscled, fetch an extra \$50 to \$100 each, substantially adding to the bottom line of the enterprise.

"Additional strains of the breed have also been developed, such as the solid Black and Red Simmentals which deliver the Simmental trait advantages as well as the convenience traits of solid coat colour, polledness, easier calving and often higher marbling levels.

"This breed has become enormously successful, providing the crossbreeder with extra flexibility when using Simmental genetics."



LEFT: Simmental Australia chief executive officer, Peter Speers, NSW, at the Bonnydale Black Bonanza field day, Bridgetown, Western Australia, where he discussed increasing beef productivity with Simmental and SimGenetics.

Significantly, the calf birthweights were light – 24 to 40 kilograms – and calving difficulty was no greater than with pure Angus, with three pulled out of 40 heifers, according to Mr Speers.

"The Simmental/Angus calves have shown excellent weight gains due to hybrid vigour utilising the Simmental growth trait," he said.

"Credit must also be given to the Angus heifers for responding to the extra demands of these calves by producing more milk than they would have with slower growing Angus calves."

He outlined the main designs of crossbreeding programs.

"First there is the common terminal crossbreeding design, where Simmental sires are mated to cows of another breed (or cross) and all crossbred progeny sold," he said.

"This program requires replacement females to either be purchased or bred in a separate program.

"The second design is rotational crossbreeding, using two or more breeds in rotation between different herds.

"Eventually a two breed rotation will be producing half the progeny as two-thirds breed A and one-third breed B, and half the progeny as one-third breed A and two-thirds breed B.

"This design replaces its own females and retains about 67pc of potential hybrid vigour."

Mr Speers said the third design used composite bulls over crossbred cows,

with female replacements selected from within the herd.

"These programs can be very effective and simple to operate, provided the bulls used possess the blend of traits desired for the breeding program," he said.

"The Simmental Association has introduced the SimAngus register, enabling designed breeding of composites containing Simmental and Angus or Red Angus content.

"SimAngus cattle can be Breedplan recorded with the Simmental Association so breeders can evaluate their estimated breeding merit.

"The main role of the SimAngus is to operate crossbreeding programs, which is especially important in smaller herds.

"For example, SimAngus bulls can be mated to halfbred Simmental-Angus females to produce progeny maintaining half of each breed.

"These female progeny are then also mated to SimAngus bulls to again produce progeny with a similar 50:50 content.

"This process is repeated with new SimAngus bulls purchased as required."

Mr Speers believes the popularity of SimAngus will grow "enormously".

"They enable simple to operate, profitable breeding programs that deliver good hybrid vigour plus an excellent balance of traits – more weight, carcase yield, milk, fertility, docility and marbling – all wrapped in a solid coloured, polled, easy calving package," he said.

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Ruby and Jacob Canning, Mavstar Simmentals, Mortlake, Victoria, exhibited one heifer, Maverick Babe, at the Royal Geelong Show. Babe was third in the all-breeds heifer class, 16 to 20 months, and Ruby (pictured) received the encouragement award in the junior judging, as well as winning her handlers' class. She also helped prepare and parade her grandparents' (Maverick) show team at a few local shows this year.



Embracing crossbreeding

CROSSBREEDING is the first commandment of commercial beef cattle breeding and it will guarantee bottom line improvements, said American Simmental Association performance program director, Wade Shafer, at the Introvigne family's Bonnydale Black Bonanza field day in Bridgetown, Western Australia, in early October.

Dr Shafer was a guest of the Introvigne family who were promoting the new Black Simmental genetics they have introduced to Australia.

Dr Shafer said crossbreeding has an important role in the industry despite the small numbers of producers embracing the concept.

"I'm hardly going out on a limb when I say that crossbreeding is the one factor that will consistently improve profitability," he said.

Dr Shafer said hybrid vigour, the phenomenon where crossbred animals experienced a boost in production and reproduction over their straightbred counterparts, was one benefit.

"The second benefit is complementarity – the phenomenon of mating strengths to weaknesses," he said.

"Although you can do that within a breed you don't have the range in genetic value to work with that you have when you crossbreed.

"When you crossbreed, you essentially have the entire gene pool across the entire population of beef cattle, and dairy if you so choose, available for more genetic reach.

"Therefore complementarity can be just as important as hybrid vigour because you are not narrowing the gene pool when you're willing to crossbreed."

Dr Shafer also explained when producers have highly crossbred calves from highly crossbred dams they can achieve a boost of about 20 per cent in production.

"The production is in the weight of a



LEFT: American Simmental Association director of performance programs, Wade Shafer, Minnesota, US, speaking at the Bonnydale Black Bonanza field day in Bridgetown, Western Australia, in early October.

calf due to extra milk of the dam and extra growth in the calf," he said.

"When it comes to hybrid vigour, reproduction is really where you get the huge boost."

According to research results, it is typical for crossbred offspring to outperform either parent by quite a lot in reproductive function.

"Producers can get up to a 30pc increase in longevity of a cow because she's highly crossbred," Dr Shafer said.

"That's due to the combined boost that hybrid vigor delivers in production and reproduction.

"The US Department of Agriculture estimated that highly crossbred cows with highly crossbred calves will deliver 35pc to 40pc more weaned kilos of calf over the lifetime of the cow."

Dr Shafer believes he has the answer to the low uptake of crossbreeding.

"One of the major reasons limiting

crossbreeding is the anointed crossbreeding method – the rotational crossbreeding system," he said.

"You need to maintain separate breeding groups and rotate the use of purebred sires among those groups.

"But the problem is it is difficult if not impossible to implement.

"Some large herds pull it off and I'm not saying it's bad; but there's a reason why crossbreeding isn't used at the level it should be."

Dr Shafer said the lessons to be learnt were crossbreeding systems must deliver high levels of hybrid vigour and complementarity and provide it in a simple to implement package.

"You can devise a system that delivers hybrid vigour and complementarity, but if the system is not simple, for example rotational crossbreeding, then producers won't use it," he said.

Aussies enjoy tour of NZ South Island

A GROUP of 18 Simmental Australia members and six Simmental New Zealand members and Simmental Australia's chief executive officer, Peter Speers (tour leader), enjoyed a successful tour to New Zealand in May.

The tour concentrated on the South Island, including visits to many stud herds and culminating in the Expo Show and Sale, Palmerston North.

The tour group was privileged to visit eight herds and there was wonderful hospitality extended by all host studs.

The tour group was hosted by Simmental NZ, with a welcome reception at Nelson and the farewell Simmental dinner at the Expo.

A special presentation was made to each participant of a fleecy jacket by Simmental NZ and major sponsor, ANCARE.

A highlight was the award presented to Simmental Australia junior member, Genna Patterson, Bullock Hills Simmentals, Katanning, Western Australia, of the Simmental Expo champion handler award by sponsor, Mark Stevens, Catapult Genetics.

The tour group also enjoyed some wonderful scenery and special activities, including a visit to the Glow Worm Cave at Lake Te Anau, a Jet Boat ride on the Dart River, Glenormiston, and a gondola ride at Queenstown.

Plans are underway for a NZ member



The tour group visits Moneymore Simmentals, Nelson, New Zealand.

tour to Australia, possibly in 2009, and members from both countries to undertake the trip to the World Congress in the UK in 2008.



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Checking out the Czech

THE Czech Republic has made major advances in the 18 years since the end of Soviet control, with notable infrastructure developments and improvements in the country's economic position.

Cattle breeding is an important part of Czech agriculture, with cattle industry income comprising 23 per cent of total agricultural production.

The national cattle population is 1.4 million, comprising 430,000 dairy cows and 140,000 beef cows.

Simmental Fleckvieh and their crosses comprise 47pc of the country's beef production.

The Czech Simmental Fleckvieh herdbook has about 165,000 registered cows, representing about 46pc of the country's total dairy population.

The average annual milk production of Czech Simmental Fleckvieh cows is 6175 kilograms, comparable with countries like Germany, Austria or Italy.

The breeding goal of Czech Simmental Fleckvieh is for dual-purpose animals with excellent milk production and good beef production.

The dual-purpose type is proving more profitable in many parts of Europe.

A Total Merit Index (TMI) is used, with weightings as follows: 40pc Milk (eight per cent fat, 32pc Protein), 35pc Fitness (Fertility, Milkability, Leg and Udder Structure), and 24pc Beef (Daily Gain,

SIMMENTAL Australia undertook a trade mission tour to the Czech Republic in May as part of its export market development program. Seven members of the association joined the mission's leader, and Simmental Australia's chief executive officer, Peter Speers, to pursue the aims: to promote Australian Simmental genetics; to promote the planned World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress in Australia for 2010; to foster contacts with influential Simmental breeders and association officials from different countries; to become acquainted with the Simmental breeding and production programs and needs of different countries. The trade mission focused its activities on the World Simmental Fleckvieh Federation (WSFF) Council program convened in the Czech Republic from May 26 to 31.

Muscularity, Dressing Percentage), with daily gains now at about 1.45 kilograms.

Longevity and animal health are high priority traits to most breeders.

They test about 100 Simmental Fleckvieh bulls a year, with the elite bulls used in artificial insemination programs.

Through participation in the World Simmental Fleckvieh Federation Council Program, trade mission participants established many personal contacts with Simmental breeders from around the world.

About 60 formal and 100 informal delegates attended this event, representing 22 countries.

Peter Speers, being a member of all



The trip to the Czech Republic was not only to promote Australian Simmentals and the 2010.

WSFF committees and chairman of the Beef Production Committee, led discussion at committee and council levels on a range of issues of importance in developing improved technical and marketing communication for Simmentals worldwide.

Approval was given to convene a World Simmental Congress in Australia in 2010

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a chance to learn about Czech cattle, but planned world conference in Australia in

and Mr Speers made a formal audio-visual presentation to promote the important World Simmental Congress in Australia planned for 2010.

This Congress will present a tremendous opportunity to showcase Australian Simmentals to a worldwide audience and will be promoted overseas in the coming years.



LEFT: The Czech Republic relies on its Simmental Fleckvieh breed for both meat and milk.

Through a number of visits to Simmental farms, trade mission participants gained a valuable appreciation of the type of Simmental production systems existing in the Czech Republic and the traits needed in breeding stock.

Important traits identified for Czech Simmental breeding programs included:

- sound conformation – legs, feet, and udders,
- good growth and milking ability are sought but not to the extreme,
- moderate frame size is preferred, and
- particular interest was expressed in locating sires with homozygous polledness.

All these traits can be readily sourced in many lines of Australian Simmentals, presenting outcross bloodlines for both

Czech breeders and Simmental breeders in other countries and a large number of Simmental Australia magazines, brochures and promotional materials were distributed during the WSFF Council Program.

Discussions were held with delegates from different countries on the potential for developing linked genetic evaluation for Simmentals between these countries.

This would further enhance marketing opportunities for Australian Simmentals.

There was very effective liaison between Trade Mission delegates and delegates from other countries in identifying marketing opportunities for Australian Simmental genetics.

Simmental Australia will be organising an Australian Simmental trade mission to the United Kingdom in June 2008.

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Junior show a success

ANOTHER highly successful National Junior Simmental Show was held at Toogoolawah, Queensland, in January.

Ably organised by the Queensland Junior Simmental Committee, the event attracted more than 40 junior participants aged eight to 25.

The cattle judge, Jamie Gadsby, selected Yarrayne Zilla, bred by Robbie Shaw, Yarrayne Simmentals, Esk, Qld, and paraded by Tiffany Kamp, as champion futurity female, grand champion female, and supreme exhibit.

Junior champion Simmental female was Clay Gully Almond, bred by the Laycock family's Clayview Simmentals, Esk, and paraded by Reneae Kelly.

Grand champion bull was Clay Gully Agrow, bred by the Laycocks and paraded by Shannon Lyons.

Handlers judge, Karla Shaw, 2006 Brisbane Royal Show State young handlers champion and secretary of Queensland Junior Simmental Committee, selected William Skene as champion novice handler and Gareth Laycock as reserve.

Katheryn Greenough was awarded intermediate champion handler and Luke Jensen reserve.

In the senior section, Jodie Pauli was awarded champion handler, with Brendan Mansbridge as reserve.



LEFT: An interesting butchery demonstration was presented by Queensland Junior Committee member, David Thallon. This gave participants a better understanding of the location of different beef cuts and their relative value.

Champion junior herdsman was awarded to B.J. Schwerin, champion intermediate herdsman to Tiffany Kamp, and champion senior herdsman to Jodie Pauli.

A highlight was the selection of the 2007 Queensland Junior Simmental Ambassador Award, presented to an

outstanding young junior member participating in the show.

The award was presented to Jodie Pauli, who will undertake an artificial breeding training course.

Runner-up was Shannon Lyons, who will participate in the 2007 South Australian Junior Competition.



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Educating young people

THE inaugural Young People's Simmental Education Day on April 30, held in conjunction with the 2007 Southern Simmental Sale, proved highly successful.

Junior members and 40 young people from Billabong High School and St Paul's High School participated in the event.

ANCARE provided sponsorship support and area manager, Mark Beard, presented an interesting talk on cattle health management.

Kerrie Sutherland, Wodonga, Victoria, presented demonstrations on stock handling and cattle judging.

Jim Green presented an informative structural assessment demonstration.

All young participants undertook a judging competition and the finalists gave an oral presentation of their selections.

Winners and placegetters received sashes and the encouragement award was presented to Jennifer Impey.

All participants received a Simmental information kit for future reference.

The organising committee, led by the association's NSW president, Peter Liddy, was pleased with the event and plans to expand the program next year.



LEFT: There were plenty of opportunities to practice hands-on cattle assessment skills.

RIGHT: The class of 2007, with their awards.



Cattle handler, and educator, Kerrie Sutherland, Wodonga, shared tips from her experience with the youngsters.

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Furner cracks EU market

Weight for age is the main reason the Simmental breed has retained pride of place in two Lower South East South Australian producers' crossbreeding operations.

First cousins and near neighbours, Dale and Chris Bateman, Furner, are hitting the mark in the European Union (EU) market with their Simmental/Hereford progeny and have been continually impressed by their growth rates in the prime finishing area.

Their long-time association began in the early 1980s during the breed's infancy in Australia, and their self-replacing Hereford herds have benefited from hybrid vigour to produce well-muscled, high yielding carcasses.

Dale and his wife, Trish, "Kanangra", sell the majority of the steers and cull a third of the heifer drop to Teys Brothers abattoir at Naracoorte between 20 months and two years of age at 315 to 330 kilograms (carcase).

Normally, the tops of each year's February/March-drop calves are sold as vealers in the Millicent market weighing about 400 kilograms at between nine and 10 months old.

"You have got to look at everything when you are selling stock – if they weigh 400kg and you can sell them for \$1.80/kg to \$2.00/kg, it is hardly worth holding them another eight months for EU," he said.

Dale Bateman said one of the main selling points of Simmental-crosses was their flexibility to be turned off as vealers, while they were also keenly sought by lotfeeders who often paid similar money for the Simmental-cross heifers as steers.

"You can get the weight into them because of their growth and if you buy the right bulls they are easily finished, even in lean years," he said.

Chris and Maris Bateman, "Cheverton", have also been pleased with their switch from a vealer-producing Hereford/Friesian female herd to Hereford/Simmental cows.



Furner cattle producers in South Australia's south east, Dale and Chris Bateman, with a group of Simmental/Hereford cows.

Since the early 1990s they have targeted the EU market with their progeny because of the better returns per hectare, and because of the decision made by major supermarkets to source feedlot cattle instead of their heavily grass-fed weaners.

"In the EU market you can get the same cents a kilogram for 20-month-old steers as vealers – you can carry a paddock full of steers for an extra eight to 10 months and not quite double their weight," Mr Bateman said.

At weaning, any later-maturing steers are put on irrigation and then sold as store cattle at about 10 or 11 months.

Last year, despite the tough season, their entire draft of Simmental/Hereford milk-tooth EU steers averaged more than 300kg (carcase weight).

Another virtue of the Simmental breed, according to Mr Bateman, was their high

fertility and greater ability to get back in calf at lesser body condition scores than pure Hereford females.

The cousins agreed another plus was high milk production, which ensured heavy weaning weights and the ability to turn off steers and surplus heifers at an earlier age.

South Australian studs have featured prominently among the Batemans' purchases of moderate-framed, easy-doing bulls with both being long-time supporters of the Baker and Hodge family's Woonallee/Waterfront premier genetics sale.

And in the past, bulls from Yerwal Estate at Naracoorte have been used in the "Cheverton" herd.

"Simmentals help achieve what it is all about – turning steers off at the ideal fat cover and reaching the target weight as young as possible," Chris said.

Dalby show success 'good luck'

MISSING out on Brisbane didn't matter for cattle buyer, Peter Hancox – picking up the blue ribbon in Dalby, Queensland, more than made up for it.

Mr Hancox, Toowoomba, Qld, owned the champion single heavyweight steer at the Beef Galore Show and Sale at Dalby on November 2.

The Simmental was one of a pen of five purchased from the Warwick saleyards, weighing 706 kilograms by the time it hit Dalby, and selling for 224 cents a kilogram to return \$1581.

Mr Hancox said after a spell in the paddock, the steer was put into Nyleta Feedlot, Mt Tyson, Qld, for 160 days.

Under the supervision of feedlot owner, Peter Halford, the steer was fed a wheat and barley ration until it reached its weight, and was intended to be shown at the Brisbane show and sale.

However, Mr Hancox said "through good luck or bad management", the Brisbane event was missed, and so the steer was taken on to Dalby.

Mr Hancox said he was very pleased with the result.

"Despite what everybody's been going through, there was really good competition there on the day, and we got a good price in the end," he said.

Simmental cattle also took out second place in the pen of three grainfed steers, minimum 541kg (liveweight), no more than six teeth category.

The pen, entered by Erin Vale Pastoral Company, Tibbeneerah Feedlot, Purga, Qld, had an average weight of 590kg and all milk teeth.

They sold for 204c/kg, to return \$1200.



Grant Daniel Long co-principal, Peter Daniel, and Peter Halford, Nyleta Feedlot, Mt Tyson, Queensland, with the champion single grain-fed steer at the Dalby Beef Galore Show and Sale.

A good business decision

MICK Gittens has good reason to remember the first time he saw Simbrah cattle.

He was contract mustering with his father, Perry, for Mackay, Queensland-based cane grower and cattleman, Graham Davies.

"We'd never seen or heard of them before, but Graham said they were the way we should go with our breeding," said Mr Gittens, who particularly remembers the large size of the bullocks they were mustering.

That was 15 years ago. Since then, Mr Gittens and his father have incorporated Simmentals into their breeding program at their Rubyvale, Qld, property, "Poinsetta", with great success.

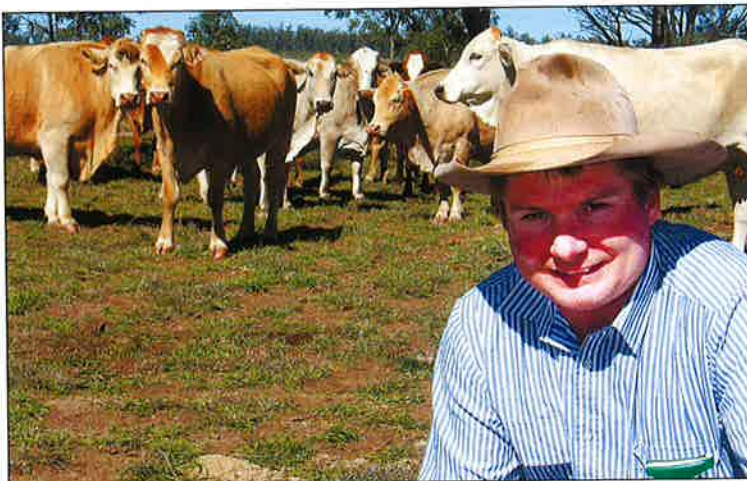
As they sell their cattle as weaners straight from the paddock, they began with a trial of three Simmental bulls put with Brahman breeders, selling the crosses.

The result – which included better prices for their cattle and heavier weights – had them quickly convinced.

"It was a toss up between Charolais and Simmentals, and Dad still likes his Charolais, but we find them to be on a fairly even keel," Mr Gittens said.

As they explored the breed further, they developed about 400 Simbrah breeders run complementary to an existing 500 Brahman breeders.

Mr Gittens reckons these Simbrah cows



LEFT: Mick Gittens, "Poinsetta", Rubyvale, Queensland, with some of his Simbrah females. He reckons Simbrah females crossed with a Brahman bull is the ideal combination.

crossed with a Brahman bull result in the ideal combination.

"We were already trying to maximise the hybrid vigour by selling the first crosses, but the reason we kept the Simbrah cows was we realised they were tremendous mothers," he said.

"I come from a Brahman background, so I do like the quarter (Simmental) crosses.

Ultimately, the Gittens family uses Simmentals for business reasons.

"Compared to Brahmans, most of the time we are looking at five to 15 cents a kilogram better for steers, and we are

also producing them 20kg to 30kg heavier," Mr Gittens said.

"The same applies for the Charolais, but we find you can buy good Simmental bulls cheaper than the Charolais.

"From some of the better country here – and it is probably higher end breeder country – we are turning them off at 260kg to 280kg."

The property, of 5955 hectares, is run in conjunction with the nearby "Carbine" (2430ha) and another 6885ha property on the Drummond Range to the west.

Mick works with his wife, Amanda, and parents, Perry and Judy.

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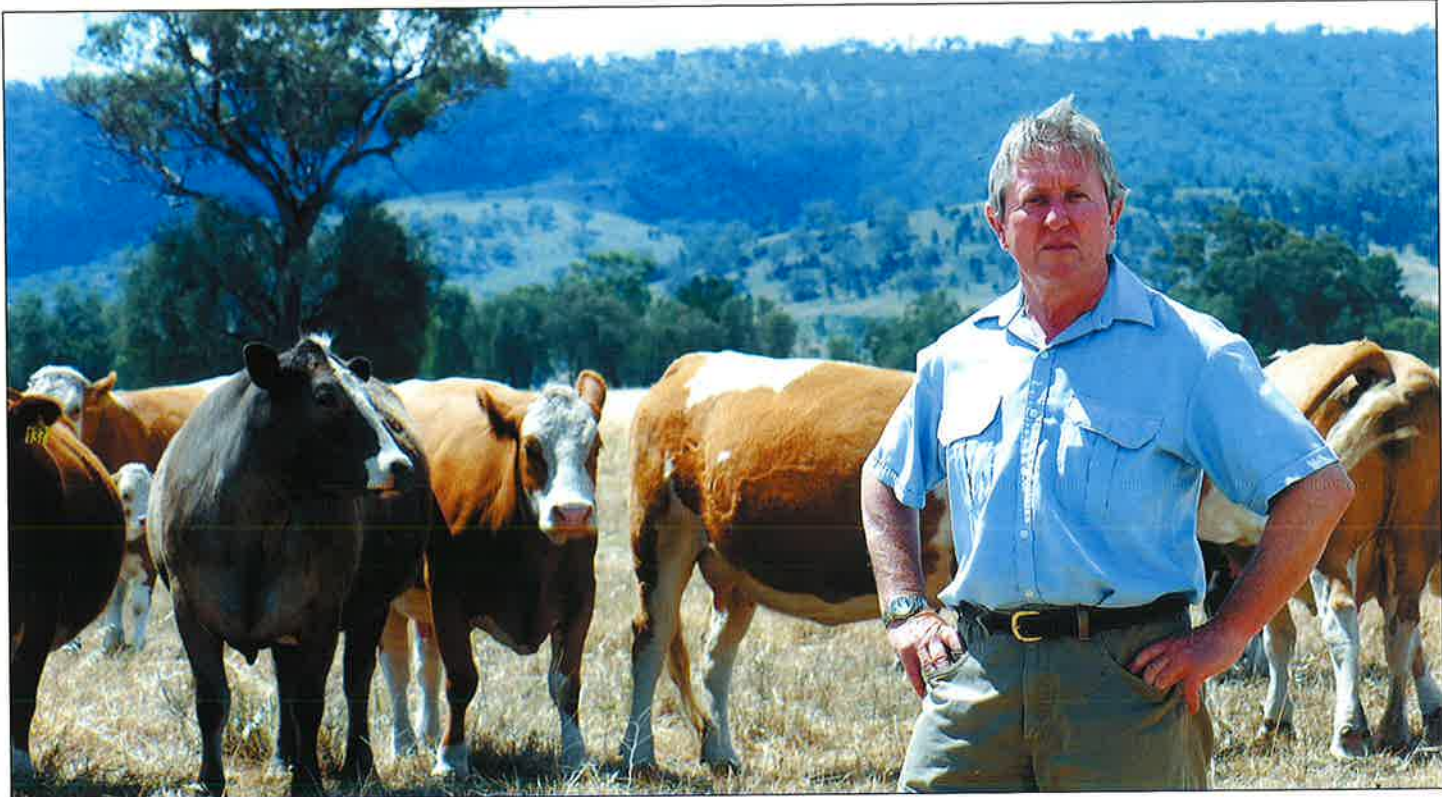


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Paul Davis, "Allambie", Piallaway, NSW, and some of his Simmental cows and calves.

Breeza breeding herd

A LIFELONG interest in the Simmental breed has taken shape in the form of a 280-cow herd on the northern edge of the Breeza Plain, in the NSW North West, for grazer, Paul Davis.

Mr Davis and his wife, Karen, moved to their property, "Allambie", Piallaway, near Gunnedah, after Mr Davis retired from his job as a chief operating officer with the coal mining company, Peabody Pacific, in Brisbane.

With their two children moved away from home with families of their own, Mr and Mrs Davis decided to retire to their cattle operation based on three farms at Piallaway – "Allambie", "Allambie North", and "Yarramilla", comprising a total 890 hectares – to raise Simmental cattle.

The countryside across the three properties varies from loamy red to

chocolate soils with a small amount of black clay.

The pastures are supered every year and consist of a mix of lovegrass, purple pigeon grass, bambatsi panic, and a mixture of clovers.

Mr Davis said the pastures were rotationally grazed. The three properties were divided into 20ha to 24ha paddocks and the cattle rotated every four weeks, grazing each paddock twice a year.

This allowed the paddocks to be locked up for long rest periods.

Lucerne was also grown for grazing and hay, and along with the clover/summer grass pastures, provided a fast response to rain.

"Initially a bit of time was spent spraying weeds but once the perennial grasses became established, this was reduced," Mr Davis said.

The 280-head Simmental and Simmental-cross cow herd is serviced by a Simmental sire battery consisting of bulls from the Barana, Hills of Gold, and Goonoo Creek sales, to breed replacement females, and are complemented by a draft of Angus bulls on the crossbreeding side of the operation.

He said he was impressed with the Simmental breed's fertility, achieving a 95 per cent minimum calving rate on an annual basis.

Mr Davis began his Simmental herd about 17 years ago when he bought

"Allambie", the first of his three land acquisitions in the district.

It was used primarily as cropping and sheep country, however, since its purchase he has introduced cattle and has carried out an extensive pasture improvement operation.

The original Simmental herd was based on a German bloodline bought at a stud dispersal from Roma, Queensland, and included 80 cows and heifers.

With this purchase, and the expansion of his property from his original Roxburgh base in the Hunter Valley in NSW (which has since been sold), his interest in the breed grew in a big way.

He said the attraction of Simmentals was their large frame and good milking ability which was ideal for crossing with Angus bulls to produce a saleable product for the current market.

Their heifers are normally sold at 12 to 15 months of age through the Gunnedah saleyards. The steers are grown out until 18 months to two years, when they are sold, also at Gunnedah, at about 600 kilograms off pasture. Some grain or pellets is used for finishing.

Mr Davis said they recently sold some cull weaner heifers which made \$1.70 to \$1.80 a kilogram (350kg to 400kg liveweight) which he was pleased with.

Following the purchase of some heifers, in-calf cows and one stud bull at the Goonoo Creek dispersal sale earlier this year, Mr and Mrs Davis also plan to establish a small Simmental stud based on about 20 breeders used to produce bulls for their own use and a small number for sale.



Twin Simmental calves suckle on "Allambie".



Tony Bates, "Woodlands", Tenterfield, with his Hereford females and Simmental bull.

Gaining weight, value

THE search for a competitive advantage to fill the void of a declining European Union (EU) market has led diehard Hereford beef producer, Tony Bates, to dabble in Simmentals.

Combined with the best start to spring the fourth-generation grazier has seen in a long time, his Simmentals are on-track to providing a turn-off weight as much as 60 kilograms higher in his weaners.

Mr Bates runs 350 straight Hereford breeders on his 573-hectare property, "Woodlands", on the western edge of the Great Dividing Range just north of Tenterfield, supplying 270 calves a year to backgrounders throughout NSW.

His calves weigh an average of 260kg when he sells them in autumn at 10 months of age.

EU accreditation has traditionally given Mr Bates a premium of as much as 40 per cent, but in recent years he has found that market has become less lucrative and fewer of his calves are going to EU-accredited backgrounders.

Thus, he was forced to look for

advantages in other areas, and when he noticed 10-month-old Simmental/Hereford calves were making \$710 compared to \$600 for his cattle at local store sales, he decided to get himself a Simmental bull.

"The days of selling straight lines are gone," he said.

"If I can get an average weight of 280kg across the 270 calves I turn off, I will increase my margins significantly without having to make any major management changes."

"Woodlands" now has two bulls, sourced from Andrew and James Moore's Lucrana Simmentals at Texas, Queensland, with the first handful of calves born in June this year.

Courtesy of good spring rain – they have already received 610 millimetres of an expected annual 912mm with summer storms still to come – Mr Bates predicts some could weigh as much as 320kg at 10 months.

"Next year will be the real telling point. I'll have 80 cross-bred calves on the ground in April," he said.

"I put the bulls out for four months from August to November aiming to have calves at 10 months for the big autumn weaner sales.

"I've always been a weaner producer because it seems to make the most sense for my country and the way I work. I can get \$600 for a calf at 10 months or \$630 at 12 months.

"I take a minimalist approach and I was looking for a way to make a gain without changing that.

"I'm not interested in ploughing or having a mini feedlot."

His cattle are grown on natural pastures, which are supered at rates of

136 kilograms a hectare, with the entire property supered over the course of two years.

Molasses and urea are fed during winter just to maintain condition, but no other supplementary feed is brought in.

Mr Bates believes the demand for the crossbred cattle will be there even if, during a less favourable season, the weight difference isn't much at 10 months, because the crossbreds grow at faster rates right until they are finished. "The schools are even chasing them for led steer competitions," he said.

The plan is for "Woodlands" to gain one more Simmental bull, giving Mr Bates four Hereford sires and three Simmentals.

The 50 replacement heifers he keeps each year will be purebred Herefords, with all crossbred calves sold.

"I am getting pregnancy percentage rates in the low 90s with the Herefords and I don't want to affect that," he said.

"I am putting the Simmental bulls with older cows to start with to see how they go calving wise."

Mr Bates believes bulls have a big role to play in good pregnancy rates and has therefore always sourced top-of-the-line genetics, buying from the likes of Truro Herefords near Moree and Franco Herefords near Casino.

"I spend \$10,000 on Hereford bulls and paid \$4000 for the top-line Simmentals, so I've made some savings in that area as well," he said.

"Besides the weight gains, I also wanted quietness and to maintain the red and white look, and that's why I went for Simmentals. The Lucrana bulls were selected with those two traits in particular in mind.

"They have a beautiful temperament."



Simmental/Hereford calves on "Woodlands", Tenterfield.



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Quiet cattle are the key

GOOD temperament is non-negotiable for Victorian cattleman, Rob Elliot, who breeds crossbred weaners at Thornton, near Yea, Victoria.

"I've had people say that our cattle are that quiet you have to push them through the gate – they won't run," he said.

But that's the way he likes it, and it's a reflection of careful selection and insistence on good stockmanship – they take it steady on bikes, and don't use dogs.

Bulls which show the least sign of being stirry are quick to go, and they have always yard-weaned calves three to four weeks before sale.

He and wife, Kris, run about 120 cows on their own 80-hectare "Carramar" plus a further 200ha of leased country, as well as managing another nearby property with a 170-cow herd and a similar program.

They've been on the property for 20 years, but Mr Elliot's connection with cattle in the district goes back to his late father, Jim, who was an agent in Yea, as well as running a Hereford herd.

It was Jim Elliot who, after he retired, decided there was no need for the district's cattle to go elsewhere for sale, and so about 20 years ago helped start the Yea and Alexandra calf sales which in a normal year now run over two days.

In the early days, the district was mainly whiteface, before a big swing to Angus, but after early experiments with Simmental/Hereford cows, Rob Elliot has



LEFT: Rob Elliot, "Carramar", Thornton, Victoria, with some Simmental-cross heifers he has kept as breeders.

for the past decade used Simmental bulls over a mostly black baldy cow base.

He said this added frame, strength and growth to the blacks, and aimed for 300 kilograms at 10 months.

For the past three to four years he has headed north for bulls, to John Hopkins at the Wormbete stud at Illabo, one of the vendors at the Simmental-Fleckvieh Prime Beef Bull and Female Sale.

He said the Hopkins shared his attitude to temperament and structure, and were ready to back their cattle with information and advice.

He found the Simmental/black baldy progeny grew quickly and attracted

regular and often local buyers each year to source cattle they knew would keep growing.

To address the challenge of finding replacement females, he makes sure he looks after his own female "factory".

He has been breeding some of his own replacements – keeping the Simmental-cross females, and joining them back to a composite SimAngus bull.

When buying replacements, he doesn't put a lot of weight in the bloodlines on the pen cards.

He said to really know what you're getting, you had to know a bit about the background of the breeder's cows.

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LEFT: Bandeeke stud co-principal, Loreen Kitchen (left), Elgin, Western Australia; Elders Breeding Services manager, Kim McDougall; judges Peter Cook, Coolah, NSW; and Peter Collins, Tennyson, Victoria; Stephen Haywood, Darling Downs, Queensland, and Grame Hopf, Murwillumbah, NSW, with the junior champion interbreed bull, Bandeeke Adam, exhibited by the Bandeeke Simmental stud, Elgin, WA.

Bandeeke's Perth glory

SIMMENTALS made a great impression at Perth Royal Show, with Tony and Loreen Kitchen's Bandeeke Simmental stud, Elgin, Western Australia, scoring most of the broadribbons.

Judged by Peter Cook, Barana Simmentals, Coolah, NSW, the Simmental entries displayed quality throughout.

Simmental broadribbon winners included Bandeeke Y Faint, by Bandeeke Ventilla, as supreme champion and senior and grand champion female. Grand champion bull was awarded to the senior champion bull, Bandeeke Adam, by Quaindering Wichita.

Bandeeke Adam also went on to take out the senior interbreed bull of the show award.

Junior champion female was awarded to Bandeeke Babe, by Quaindering Wichita, junior champion bull was

awarded to Bandeeke Bobcat, by Quaindering Wichita; reserve senior champion female was awarded to Bandeeke Zannie, by Bandeeke West Aussie.

Reserve senior champion bull was awarded to Topweight Yakka, by Bandeeke Usher from Topweight Bettina, exhibited by David and Audrey Weightman, Topweight Simmentals, Margaret River, WA.

Reserve junior champion female was awarded to Bandeeke Tasha by Dunmore Hansa, and reserve junior champion bull was awarded to Bandeeke Bulldozer, by Bandeeke Herod.

The Kitchen family, Bandeeke stud, topped off the show with back-to-back wins of the Governor's Cup, taking their second at this year's Perth Royal Show.

Their 37 head included 17 Simmentals, 17 Red Angus and three Braunviehs.

Accepting the awards, Tony Kitchen

said it was an achievement and something the family had strived to do after winning last year.

"It was a real team effort and I thank everyone involved," Mr Kitchen said.

The Kitchens are now the first family to be three-time winners of the cup, having also won the award in 1998.

The cup is presented to the exhibitor who gets the most points in the livestock competitions of sheep, cattle, horses, goats and alpacas.

WA Governor, Ken Michael, said the award rewards excellence and consistency in the livestock competition.

Royal Agriculture Society of WA president, Ivan Soloman, said a similar number of entries in the competition compared to last year was the result of a huge effort by farmers given seasonal conditions across the State.

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Melbourne impresses US judge

SIMMENTAL entries in the 2007 Melbourne Royal Show greatly impressed visiting United States judge, Fred Scheutze, Buzzard Hollow Ranch, Texas.

A recognised international judge, Mr Scheutze supervises a cow herd of more than 1000 Simmental and Simbrah cows, featuring a large embryo processing centre.

He stressed the importance of sound structure to ensure both bulls and cows could produce efficiently for many years.

He was impressed with the moderate maturity pattern, growth for age and maternal quality of the Simmentals he judged.

As supreme Simmental exhibit he selected his grand and senior champion cow, Sarokos Park Zagalia.

Bred and exhibited by Ross and Carol Cardile's Sarokos Park Simmentals, Strathewen, Victoria, Zagalia was by Bar 5 Paymaster1334D from Sarokos Park Lumbrusca.

The judge selected as his grand champion bull the senior champion,



Simon Lunn, Arthurs Creek, Victoria; Sam Cardile, Sarokos Park Simmentals, Strathewen, Vic; Elaine Almond, Wagga Wagga, NSW, and judge, Fred Scheutze, Buzzard Hollow Ranch, Texas, US, with Sarokos Park Zagalia, senior and grand champion Simmental cow and supreme champion Simmental at Royal Melbourne Show, 2007.

Reagent Park Ricky, bred and exhibited by Barbara Sutton and Gary Clarke, Reagent Park Simmentals, Warragul, Vic.

They also won reserve senior champion cow with Brewers Heidi Z541.

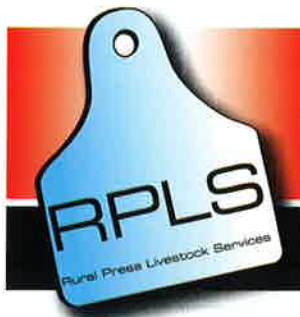
Reserve junior champion female was awarded to Gelora Park Tara NLIS 57, bred and exhibited by Geoff and Laura Cockerell, Gelora Park Simmentals, Portarlington, Vic.

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Breed success at Brisbane

SIMMENTALS mounted a strong display at the Royal Queensland Show at Brisbane in August.

The judge, Noel Mobbs, Gowrie Station, Charleville, Queensland, was impressed with the overall standard of entries.

As his grand champion bull he selected Clay Gully Agrow, the senior champion exhibited by Rob and Viv Laycock, Clay Gully Simmentals, Esk, Qld.

Agrow also boasted high GeneStar results, with four stars for marbling, five stars for tenderness and six stars for feed efficiency.

The Laycocks also exhibited the reserve senior champion bull, Clay Gully Abdul.

The Clay Gully stud was the most successful exhibitor for the Simmental breed, with three of their four exhibits winning prizes.

Beenleigh State High School prepared the three Clay Gully bulls and they did an exceptional job.

Winning grand champion and senior champion female was Yarrayne Zillah, exhibited by Robbie Shaw, Yarrayne stud, Esk, Qld, and prepared by Scott Dull, and Jodie Teske.

Mr Mobbs described her as a good volume cow and he was overwhelmed by her condition and the size of her calf.

Ms Shaw also gained junior champion bull with Yarrayne Beckham.



The grand champion Simmental bull at the 2007 Royal Queensland Show was Clay Gully Agrow, exhibited by Rob and Viv Laycock, Clay Gully Simmental stud, Kipper Station, Esk, Qld. The bull is held by Shannon Lynes and flanked by Elders stud stock auctioneer, James Croft (left), Rockhampton, Qld, and Simmental judge Noel Mobbs and his wife Jill, Gowrie Station, Charleville, Qld.

Yarrayne Zillah was also named seventh from 29 breeds in the champion of champions competition.

Martin Rowlands and Lou Alison, KBV Simmentals, Kallangur, Qld, had a successful day, exhibiting the junior champion female, Woonallee Lady Suzi

B53, and reserve junior champion bull, Brewers Xavier B959.

Gary and Jacqui Rahley, Aussie Park stud, Clifton, Qld, were delighted with winning reserve junior champion female with Woonallee Heidi B9, and reserve senior champion female with Aussie Park Charm.

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LEFT: The judge and his wife, Ian and Anne Galloway, Cootharaba Hereford stud, Roma, Queensland, sash the grand champion Simmental bull (1137), Monreid Architect, held by Nathan Cuthbert, Nundle.

Sydney gongs to Goonoo

A LARGE crowd gathered to view the judging of Simmentals at Sydney Royal Show on April 13 by Ian Galloway, Cootharaba Hereford stud and Duarran Brangus stud, Roma, Queensland.

He selected as his supreme exhibit the grand and senior champion female, Langton Gate Autumn Girl, by Langton Gate Xtra Special, from Langton Gate Portia, and exhibited by owners, Graham and Sandra Jordan, Goonoo Creek Simmentals, Tamworth, NSW.

Langton Gate Autumn Girl was reserve junior champion female at the 2006 Sydney Royal Show.

Goonoo Creek Simmentals had a successful showing, being awarded most successful exhibitor.

Goonoo Creek exhibited the junior

champion female, Goonoo Creek Avid, and won the sires progeny group with Langton Gate Xtra Special progeny.

Later adding to the stud's swag of trophies, Goonoo Creek Zala was awarded reserve senior champion female, Goonoo Creek Awesome was awarded reserve junior champion bull and Goonoo Creek Applause was awarded reserve senior champion bull.

Mr Galloway selected the junior champion bull as his grand champion.

Monreid Architect, by Waterfront Tasman from Monreid Alma N247, was bred and exhibited by Rory and Patricia Murphy, Monreid Simmentals, Nundle, NSW.

Monreid also won the pair of bulls class with progeny of Waterfront Tasman and was second in the sires progeny group with Tasman progeny.

The Murphys also won reserve junior champion female with Monreid Louise.

Senior champion bull was awarded to Milton View Administer, by Maj Robo from Milton View Dawn, and exhibited by Jim and Ellen Mison, Milton View Simmentals, Milton, NSW.

Other exhibitors to score class place ribbons included Stuart Moeck, Valley Creek Simmentals, Eastern Creek, NSW; Kate Neass, Kareena Simmentals, Londonderry, NSW; Terry and Susan Coolahan, Coolaroy Simmentals, Terang, Victoria; Jennifer and Jessica Impey, Lucky Clover Simmentals, Crookwell, NSW; Jason and Jacqueline Impey, Mala Daki Simmentals, Crookwell, NSW; and Carl Baldry, Baldry Park Simmentals, Illabo, NSW.

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Heavenly win for Auscan

SIMMENTAL studs from South Australia, NSW and Victoria entered cattle in the Adelaide Royal Show where Simmental was the feature breed.

Strong sponsorship support enabled attractive prizes to be offered, ensuring a large number of entries and high quality throughout all classes.

The judge, **Stephen Branson**, Banquet Angus stud, Mortlake, Vic, was impressed with the overall standard of entries and particularly struck by both grand champions.

As his supreme champion Simmental he selected the grand and senior champion female, **Koopa Creek Angel**, exhibited by **Richard White**, Auscan Simmental and Simbrah stud, Adelaide, SA.

The 31-month-old Angel was sired by **Bandeeka Dynamite** from Tennysonvale Winsome.

Auscan Simmental and Simbrah stud was awarded most successful exhibitor after winning numerous ribbons.

In addition to senior champion female, Auscan won the other cow classes with Auscan Anthea and Langton-Gate Amaze, with Auscan Anthea winning reserve senior champion female.

Auscan achieved more awards in the bull section, winning two senior bull classes before taking senior champion bull with Auscan Andrew, a 25-month-old son of Ingebyra Redhead.

R.H. Hodge and Partners' Waterfront Simmentals, Tintinara, SA, had a successful showing.

They exhibited the grand and junior champion bull, **Waterfront Barclay**, a 16-month-old son of **Waterfront Xenos**.

Barclay greatly impressed the judge with his sire appeal, growth, muscling and correctness.

Waterfront also won the breeders group and reserve junior champion female with 11-month-old **Waterfront Belle**, by **Wai-iti Notorious**.

Regan Burow's Yerwel Estate Simmental stud, Naracoorte, SA, won junior champion female with Yerwel Estate **Bambi**, a 16-month-old heifer by Yerwel Estate **Valentino**.

G.W., M.F. and S. Kunst, **Ebony Park Simmentals**, Mount Crawford, SA, won a selection of class ribbons and achieved reserve junior champion bull with **Ebony Park Billabong**, by **Zimbo** from **Ebony Park Wilhelmina**.

P. and M. and C. Maglieri, **Nawarra Simmentals**, McLaren Vale, SA, also secured a clutch of class ribbons, including gaining first and second places in the sires progeny group with **Glenview Del Vic** and **Great Giuns Ferdinand 13Z** respectively.

They were also awarded third place in the breeders group.



Supreme champion Simmental and grand champion Simmental cow, **Koopa Creek Angel**, with owner, **Richard White**, Auscan, Echunga, South Australia, and judge, **Stephen Branson**, Banquet Angus, Mortlake, Victoria, pictured with **Tony Ryan**, **Elders Livestock**, SA, **Vaughan Campagiolo**, Echunga, SA, and **Chloe Reynolds**, Myponga, SA.

The Simbrah classes were judged by **Mr Craig Martin**, **Puketud Stud**, Tuakau, New Zealand.

Richard White's Auscan Simbrah stud, Adelaide, scooped all the ribbons, including grand champion bull, with **Auscan Bikie** and grand champion female with **Auscan Beauty**.



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