

Wee Waa High School wins the most successful school at Coonamble Show

By **PUBLICITY OFFICER**

It was a busy few weeks for the students of the Wee Waa High School Ag farm at the end of May.

The students attended two shows in the space of a week.

The first saw six members of the Wee Waa High School show team, along with parent helper Robyn Allen, spend two days at the Dubbo Show.

The Dubbo Show ran from May 26-28.

Some experienced show team students went along to help the new team members learn the ropes and share their knowledge preparation for cattle presentation.

It was a busy four days with students entering the junior heifer show, which included junior paraders and junior judging, as well as exhibiting their Myona heifers.

WWHS students also assisted the Myona stud in preparing and exhibiting their charolais in what was a very successful show.

Bryony Allen placed in the junior judging, and Jordyn Hayne and Ally Stanfield qualified through to the finals in the junior paraders.

There were over 75 students in their age group so that was an outstanding achievement.

Next up was the Coonamble Show.

It was run from May 30-31.

WWHS Ag teacher Verity Gett said that the 13 students and staff who attended the Coonamble Show all

agreed that it was now Wee Waa High School's favourite youth show on the calendar.

"Coonamble Show was such an amazingly well-run and attended event, catering to and encouraging all levels of competitor," Mrs Gett said.

"Our team, again of experienced and beginner members entered in the junior paraders and junior judging, as well as assisting the Myona stud in the stud cattle section.

"I was just amazed at the capacity of the students.

"Some of the 12 students had never been in the ring before due to the disappointment of Wee Waa Show being cancelled, so Coonamble Show was their first true ring experience, and we've come home with a swag of ribbons."

WWHS had seven students out of the 12, competing in the under-15 paraders final.

Wee Waa students won every heat they entered.

The final concluded with Ally Stanfield being announced the under-15 parader.

Ally was also announced reserve champion parader on the day in a very competitive all-Wee Waa final with Emily Shearin, Caitlyn Gallagher and Jack Gett.

Emily Shearin was awarded champion parader of the Show.

Emily had worked extremely hard over the last 12 months on her parading, and it was a well-deserved



Emily Shearin and Ally Stanfield at the Coonamble Show in May where the pair was very successful.

acknowledgement of her efforts.

Many of the WWHS students entered in the junior judging competition, where they judged Merino sheep, wool, grain, cattle and a new category this year in fruit cake.

Again the students cleaned up in the ribbons with many first, seconds and thirds going to WWHS.

Due to the success in the competitions WWHS students en-

tered, the school accrued 34 points, beating Coonamble High School on 32 points and the other schools attending including Dubbo College and Macquarie Grammar.

That saw WWHS win most successful school at the show.

This was a massive achievement given that the school's points were solely based on its student achievements, whereas others schools accu-

ing points for both cattle and student placings.

Wee Waa High School's show team students will commence work with the Merino sheep in the near future.

They are also feedlotting the sheep in preparations for the Merino Schools Wether Challenge, and students will be breaking them in to halter in the near future.

Entries close 7:45pm
Winners announced on
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