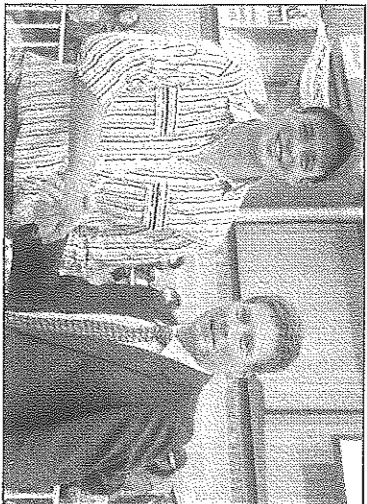
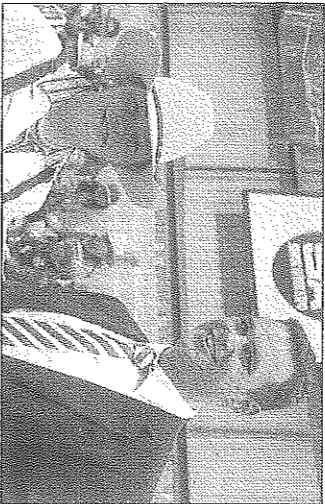


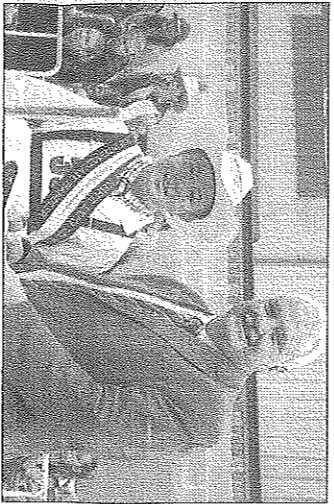
Show at heifer expo



STRONG EFFORT: James Pitchford is congratulated on being named reserve senior champion herdsman by Rabobank's Frank Young.



COMMERCIAL FOCUS: Carlin Obst receives the champion commercial award for Woonallee K76 from CGU's James Caracussis.



STAR PERFORMER: Sub-intermediate achievement award winner Angus Llewellyn with Member for Hammond Katrina Pederick.



DOUBLE WIN: Champion junior handler Olivia Baker collecting the junior champion heifer award for Woonallee Simply The Best K270 from Rabobank's Frank Young.



FAMILY TIES: Sebastian and Lottie Volker, Naracoorte, have continued a family tradition of competing at the SA Junior Heifer Expo, after their mother, All Volker (back) was the second youngest entrant at the first event in 1985.

Second generation enters showing

THE enduring success of the SA Junior Heifer Expo is illustrated in the prevalence of former competitors bringing their children back to the event to learn and compete.

Former champion senior herdsman All Volker, Naracoorte, enjoyed watching her children Sebastian, 11, and Lottie, 8, form firm friendships and show their skills in the ring.

All was the second youngest entrant at the first heifer expo in 1985, competing almost every year until she was crowned senior champion herdsman in 1998 as a 21-year-old.

"It's a great opportunity – you don't have to want to breed stud cattle to get so much out of it," she said.

"So many of the kids that come through here have ended up, in some capacity, still in agriculture. At the end of the day that's got to be the main aim – to get them involved and build passion for ag in general. "The one thing that most of us take away are the friendships and networks that you set up – whether

it be lifelong friends that you keep in contact with from all over Australia, or the other contacts that you make in the industry that you might not have met otherwise."

She said Sebastian's confidence in the ring had grown substantially, while Lottie was excited to get her first chance to join her older brother at the expo.

"Sebastian is in his fourth year, and his final year as a junior, and Lottie is in her first heifer expo experience," he said. "She's been championing at the bit for a number of years and was so jealous that Sebastian got to go."

"Green is her favourite colour at the moment, because she got two green ribbons for third place."

"In his final year as a junior, I can't believe how much Sebastian has stepped up and grown in the role he's doing."

Sebastian's heifer Belmore Butterfly K244, supplied by All's parents, Andy and Sally Withers, from Belmore Shorthorns, was the reserve junior champion heifer.

Distance no barrier for keen interstate competitors

THE appeal of the SA Junior Heifer Expo spreads far and wide, with several competitors travelling from interstate to compete, including 14-year-olds Jack Febej, Sheffield, Tas, and Jesse Bellichambers (pictured), Rising Sun Charolais, Turmtut, NSW.

For first-time entrant Jesse – whose father Steve Bellichambers attended earlier expos – the chance to learn from a diverse range of instructors was a major plus.

"The classes about carcasses were especially good – I really enjoyed that," he said. "But all the hands-on stuff has been the best."

In the judging ring, Jesse said a good handler's attention was always split between their heifer and the judge.



judging ring, and is already looking forward to coming back in 2016.

After competing for the first time last year, Jack made a successful return to the heifer expo ring, winning the sub-intermediate junior judging competition and finishing second in his handlers heat leading Bayview Dairy K77.

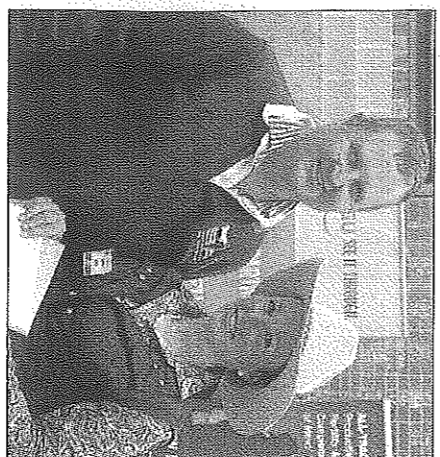
He said his previous experience helped him learn what the judges

were looking for from each handler, and added that attending the expo helped demonstrate the many possible career paths associated with beef cattle.

"It helps you learn what the ropes are, and what you can get into in the future," he said.

Fellow Tasmanians Damian Sims and Brady Rouse also made the trip to SA to compete, with Brady winning the sub-intermediate best fitted animal category.

TOP RESULT (left): Lanark Angus' Mark Farlie presents Annika Whale with the champion senior junior judging prize.



SA Junior Heifer Expo results

- Judges**
- Heifers: Peter Falls, Finley, NSW; Jordan Meade, Woodside (associate)
 - Handlers: Rachael Wheeler, Dubbo, NSW; Abbie Terngrove, Ororoo (associate)
- Awards**
- Rabobank junior champion heifer: Woonallee Simply The Best K270 (Simmental), Olivia Baker
 - Reserve: Belmore Butterfly K244 (Shorthorn), Sebastian Volker
 - Landmark intermediate champion heifer: Kentash Park Kate K21 (Shorthorn), Alastair Scott
 - Reserve: Savannah Zoe K5 (Simmental), Zoe Hanson
 - RA&HS of SA senior champion heifer: Warrawindi Krystal Gem K14 (Limousin), Mason Galpin
 - Reserve: Bayview Ryby K21 (Shorthorn), James Thompson
 - CGU champion commercial: Woonallee K76 (Simmental), Carlin Obst
 - Reserve: Knackers (Murray Grey-Limousin), Bentley Galpin
 - Stock Journal junior champion handler: Olivia Baker
 - Reserve: Eliza Llewellyn
 - Stock Journal sub-intermediate champion handler: Angus Llewellyn
 - Reserve: Lill Stewart
 - Stock Journal intermediate champion handler: Zoe Hanson
 - Reserve: Alastair Scott
 - Stock Journal senior champion handler: Mason Galpin
 - Reserve: Jarrod Eason
 - Ramsay Bros junior achievement award: Oscar Johnson
 - Thomas Foods International sub-intermediate achievement award: Angus Llewellyn
 - Pacific Biologics non-herdsman senior achievement award: Sam Farley
 - LG Matten novice achievement award: Katelyn Tomas
 - Semex best fitted animal – junior: Lewis Golding; sub-intermediate: Brady Rouse, intermediate: Alastair Scott; senior: Lewis Bruggemann
 - SA Beef junior encouragement award: Zac Llewellyn, Matilda Roche
 - Ancare sub-intermediate encouragement award: Jeffrey Pearce, Sarah Pearce
 - Hills Farm Supplies intermediate encouragement award: Dawson Page
 - SE Veils senior encouragement award: Emily Pitchford
 - Biz Boost novice encouragement award: Ryan Whittlesea
 - SA Angus state committee senior junior judging award: Annika Whale
 - Runner-up: Jessica Burpee
 - RA&HS senior junior judging encouragement award: Laurna Parks
 - Landmark intermediate junior judging award: Emma Oldfield, Runner-up: Charnelle Harper
 - CGU sub-intermediate junior judging award: Jack Febej, Runner-up: Keiran Hamood
 - Stock Journal junior judging award: Jessica Parker, Runner-up: Ben Pearce
 - Ramsay Bros sub-intermediate marketing award: Angus Llewellyn
 - TFI intermediate marketing award: Georgie Golding
 - Rabobank senior marketing award: James Pitchford, Runner-up: Jarrod Eason
 - Pacific Biologics ability, attitude and presentation award: Bentley Galpin, Runner-up: Alexandra Thompson, Third: Claire Pearce.
 - NHD young cattle breeder award: Morgan McCallum
 - Heiniger clipping achievement award: Lewis Bruggemann
 - Bolton Family Clipping encouragement award: Mason Galpin
 - Rabobank reserve senior champion herdsman: James Pitchford
 - Landmark, CGU and RA&HS of SA senior champion herdsman: Jessica Burpee

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