

# Dexter Feature Breed

## Mudgee Show 2019

DCAI members Kathy Baker, Samantha Kate Allen and Natasha Shankelton had been talking to the Mudgee Agricultural Society for several months about having Dexters as the Feature Breed at this year's Mudgee Show that was held on the 2nd March.

Invitations were sent out in Mid-January by email and on the Dexter Cattle Enthusiast Facebook page. Entry requirements about Pestivirus testing and Show Entry forms were also posted on Facebook as the date of the show approached.

The result exceeded expectations with the following 6 studs being represented at the show: Jaylyn (Barraba), Rocky Ridge (Forbes), TCS (Tullamore), Buyuma (Guntawang near Gulgong), Little Milkyway (Cooks Gap near Mudgee), LRB (Glendonbrook near Singleton)

Some of these Breeders travelled up to 6 hours to get to the show. We also had representatives from Five Oaks (Ungarie), Humbug Creek (Ungarie Central School, Ungarie), Whispering Gums (Grattai, near Mudgee) and Triple Seven (Subbo near Gulgong) who came to support the event.

The Mudgee Show Society deserve a special thank you for their support and encouragement. Barry Knott was on deck to help everyone settle in as they arrived on Friday and as Chief Steward he coordinated all of the Show Ring and Judging activities on Saturday.

It was great to see 21 Dexter Cattle lined up in the yards as they were getting ready to be paraded. One passer by said "I didn't know where to find Dexter Cattle in NSW and then I see this line up. This is amazing."

Big winners on the day were Jan Cluff and Lyndsay Martyn (Jaylyn Stud) with Grand Champion Dexter Bull "Jaylyn General" and Samantha Kate Allen (Buyuma Stud) Grand Champion Dexter Female and Supreme Dexter Exhibit with a 19 month old Heifer "Buyuma Jadeite".

Aime Walker from Tullamore Central School was awarded the Herdsman Trophy,

which was established in 2017 to honour the contribution of Terry Denniss over many years to the Mudgee Agricultural Society.

Nathan and Charlene from Rocky Ridge at Forbes said "This has been a great opportunity for us, this being our first time at showing. We have picked up lots of tips talking to other breeders."

After the showing was all over there was a steady stream of people inspecting the animals, reviewing the information on display and discussing opportunities of getting involved with Dexter Cattle.

After the show Kathy Baker said that it was a lot of hard work to get it all together, but it was certainly worth doing. It would not have been possible without the help of Samantha Kate and Natasha Shankelton leading up to the event. Natasha was able to bring a team of 10 Students from the Tullamore Central School to help out with grooming and parading the five animals from Tullamore Central School and other animals that had been brought to the Show.

Kathy also thanked the following studs Pindari Springs, Callistemon Park, Triple Seven, Buyuma, LRB and Natasha Shankelton for donating the Trophies.

Kathy said that in the end the Show was a success due to the encouragement and support from the Show Society, the Riverina Dexter Cattle Promotion Group and the Studs that participated.

The key to making the event successful was positive and timely communication via emails and face book in getting the word out to prospective participants, ensuring all paperwork was readily available and assisting people new to showing to complete paperwork on time. We were able to put out a positive message to encourage people to participate and the results speak for themselves. Asked if she would do it again Kathy said No!! ..... but I will help someone else.

Article compiled by Ron Brown, Natasha Shankelton, Samantha Allen and Kathy Baker. (Original Report PDF attached)



Aime Walker – Winner Terry Denniss Herdsman Award.



Samantha Kate Allen being awarded Supreme Dexter Exhibit for "Buyuma Jadeite" by event organiser, Kathy Baker.



Studs who participated at the Show. Nicole Lewis, Jason Lewis, Samantha Kate Allen, Libby Brown, Nathan Hughes, Jan Cluff, Lyndsay Martyn, Kath Baker, Natasha Shankelton, Charlene Dingwall, Max Davison.



Jan Cluff and Lyndsay Martyn from Jaylyn Stud celebrating their success at the Show.



The Team from Tullamore Central School



An impressive line up of some of the people and Dexter Cattle on Show at Mudgee.

