

## **GREAT NORTHERN SHOW 2012 - ROCHESTER VIC**

Judge: Rachel Millhouse

Holstein judge Rachel Millhouse of Southwick Holsteins, Tasmania, was impressed with the quality of Holsteins put on show at the 2012 Great Northern Show. "It was a wonderful line-up of cows and heifers with good numbers of entries in all classes with quality right down the line and lots of classes with close placings."

It was a big day for the Somerville family of Clydebank Holsteins, taking Champion Cow, Supreme Udder, Intermediate Champion and Premier Breeder and Exhibitor. Clydebank AllenR Gail EX90 received Supreme Udder, but it was another Allen daughter from Clydebank, Clydebank Allen Leonie EX93 who took out the Senior Champion and eventual Supreme Dairy Exhibit.



Pictured: Clydebank Allen Leonie EX93



The powerful Allen Leonie, out of and EX Storm dominated an exceptional line up of mature cows. "My Champion Cow is very correct. She has a great set of feet and legs and a strong muzzle, is deep of both fore and rear rib and her fore udder blends beautifully onto the body wall," commented judge Rachel Millhouse as she praised her Senior Champion before tapping the stylish Mr Sam daughter, Ingolmore Miss Lisa, exhibited by Travis and Karlee Gilmore, for Reserve.

The Intermediate classes were again of a very high standard, but it was the Junior 3 year old class that featured the eventual Champion and Reserve. The Intermediate Champion, Clydebank James Lisp VG88 a Shoremar James daughter out of a VG88 dam, used her tremendous depth and spring of rib to place over Hillview Park Noble Eve 2, exhibited by the McPhee family. "This is a beautifully ribbed heifer," commented the judge. "Her udder has terrific texture and overall bloom with great height and width".

The Junior section had the highest entries, with long line-ups of beautifully presented heifers in each class. Picking a Champion was a difficult task with the judge full of praise for the junior exhibits. The entry of Kayla Bradley, Bluechip Contender Whynot was an extremely long, powerful heifer, showing great width of chest and openness of rib with great dairy character. "This is a heifer that should develop into a very nice cow," remarked the judge when naming her Champion. It was this width and openness that placed Whynot over the Reserve Junior exhibit, Wellerleigh Satins Silk, exhibited by Tim Weller.

