



LEFT: Kingaroy brothers Brent and Corey Evans will be first-time competitors at Beef 2012 in a range of events including the Young Commercial Judges Competition at CQLX Gracemere on May 7. — Picture: RODNEY GREEN.

Brothers don judges' hats

By MELISSA MARTIN

WHILE their school mates might spend weekends playing football, Kingaroy brothers Brent and Corey Evans prefer to don their hats, coats and ties and compete at a show.

Whether it's in the show ring exhibiting or judging cattle, or out the back in the sheds preparing their pampered bovine charges, the boys see their involvement in all aspects of the industry as much more than a hobby.

With the support of their parents, David and Jenny, the brothers are dedicated to their expanding team of stud and commercial cattle, which incorporates Jen-Daview Limousins and Santa Gertrudis studs.

"It's a passion – it's in our blood, really," Brent said. "Both Dad's and Mum's families have shown cattle. When my friends at school ask us what we did on the weekend, we say 'show cattle'. That's just what we do. And it's not just a weekend thing – every day we're working with our cattle."

Brent, 16, and Corey, 13, are familiar faces on the show circuit, particularly around the South Burnett. Their skills will next be put to their

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test in May when they compete for the first time at Beef 2012.

Both boys will compete in the Young Commercial Judges Competition at CQLX Gracemere on May 7, where they will be vying for Jan Sinclair Memorial Perpetual Trophy, awarded to the competitor with the overall highest number of points. Later in the week they will compete in the RITE Young Judges and Australian Agricultural College Corporation Young Paraders competitions, and Brent will also exhibit their heavyweight Limousin steer, Fireworks, in the Rockhampton Cattle Club Junior Led Steer Competition.

In the stud cattle arena, Brent will exhibit their stud Limousins, Jen-Daview Limousins, Kingaroy, and they'll help to exhibit Brahman stud cattle for their uncle and aunt, Clint and Robyn Whitaker, Whitaker Brahmans, Munduberra.

"We're really excited about it all," Corey said. "I'll be leading one of our

young Limousin bulls, Jen-Daview Felchetto, in the young paraders competition."

Brent said: "The steer that we're taking up, Fireworks, has done all the local shows and done pretty well including winning champion led steer at Bell Show, so we thought we'd give him a run."

Brent and Corey started competing in shows about four years ago, and have kicked some impressive goals.

"I started competing in 2008 at the Wide Bay Interscholar Hoof and Hook Competition with Kingaroy High School," Brent said. "I'd like to start up a fitting service and keep going with our stud Limousins. I've also started my own Santa Gertrudis stud. In 2010 I won champion herdsman at the Santa Gertrudis Association's National Junior Camp at Warwick and I won a stud heifer for it and started from there."

That year, Brent was champion herdsman at the Queensland Limousin Breeders Society annual youth camp at Wondai. Corey's successes have included the champion stud judge title at the Limousin Camp in 2011. This awarded him the opportunity to be the associate judge in the Limousin ring at Beef 2012.

Taking the rat out of GRT

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Show about teamwork

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"If you can take to a microphone in front of 100 people and explain what you do or don't like about an animal, it's a good skill to have. They have to know the strengths and weaknesses of an animal and be able to show it to highlight its attributes. Showing cattle is also about teamwork, and they learn all about that as well."

Kate and Tim have selected their cattle for Beef 2012, including not only Brahman, but also steers from the family's commercial Blonde d'Aquitaine/Brahman-cross herd. "I just really like being around the cattle and learning new things," Kate said. "We're practising leading our cattle and will go to some shows before Beef."

Kate and Tim got their first taste for showing by attending the annual Rockhampton Junior Beef Show, held in the June school holidays at the showgrounds. The event has become a key fixture on the cattle industry calendar.



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