

Wattle Farm top Border ram

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JUNIOR champion ram, Wattle Farm J, went on to become grand champion on Border Leicester ram and interbred long wool champion of the 2016 NSW Sheep Show for Jeff Sutton and family, Wattle Farm stud, Temora.



Grand champion ram.

The stud enjoyed a strong result from its 11 head also taking out junior champion ewe and reserve grand champion ewe awards plus the group of three, group of four most successful exhibitor and best exhibit of the breed with "J".

Wattle Farm Twilight is by Coolawang Impact and it was her first outing. The breed attracted 11 exhibitors showing 47 rams and 61 ewes with classes up to 16 head on the mat. The 2014 junior champion ewe shown by the Cameron



Helen Campbell, Guligong with junior champion ram and Jeff Sutton, Wattle Farm stud, Temora, judge, Ian Michael, Echuca, Vic; reserve held by Ben Simmons, Talbragar stud.

family's Nundoome stud, Narromine, returned triumphant to take the senior and grand champion ewe award as a two and a half-year-old Victorian breeder and judge, Ian Michael, who

dispersed his Campaspe River stud at Echuca, in January, said ewes before him were equal to anywhere in Australia. "The senior and grand ewe is a very deep bodied

ewe which carried herself extremely well and had a quality covering of wool and the style of head that we are looking for," he said. "The junior ewe had extreme length and style of

wool but the older ewe was tops on the day."

Reserve junior champion ram winning the under one year shorn class and the objective measurement class, came from Talbragar stud of Ben Simmons, Leadville.

Mr Michael said the reserve ram had a good outlook but came up against some very good competition with Wattle farm's woolly junior.

"The junior and eventual champion ram had a better topline and handles beautifully," Mr Michael said.

Merrygoen based, Bimadaree stud of the Sweeney family showed the reserve senior champion ram and reserve junior champion ewe. Rick Haselkorn, Rose Lea stud, Rydal, was most successful novice exhibitor.