Locals rally together for Temora Show

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IT'S hard to believe that only two years ago the future of the Temora Show was on shaky ground.

The annual event – given a reprieve from closure due to community support – showed plenty of signs of life on Saturday with everything from poultry judging to the showgirl competition keenly contested.

The 2013 Temora Showgirl competition was contested by six young ladies from the local area with the winning sash awarded to 19-year-old Marlo Brown, Temora.

Miss Brown is a part-time journalist and columnist at the *Temora Independent* as well as a dance and drama teacher.

She also serves on the community centre management committee.

A close contender was runner-up Erin Reardon, who hails from Temora, but is currently studying physiotherapy at Charles Sturt University in Albury.

Other showgirl entrants included Temora's Anthea Reardon, Jill Climpson, Jess McShane, and Anastasia Drumore.

The fleece section in the pavilion had also grown from three entries in 2010 to 25 entries this year.

This was helped by wool steward and local sheep classer Kelli McMahon encouraging farmers to support their local show – there was even an entry from the Ariah Park Football Club.

The fleece of the show was won by siblings Lachlan and Eva Reichstein, Reefton, with their fine wool ewe fleece, which was also sashed champion local fleece by judge and wool broker John Wienke, Moses and Son, Temora.

The poultry shed was also brimming with entries – 210 in fact – up an impressive 50 entries on last year.

The coveted bird of the show title was won by Chubb Cattle, Tallimba, for his black Pekin male.

Mr Cattle had 17 birds entered.

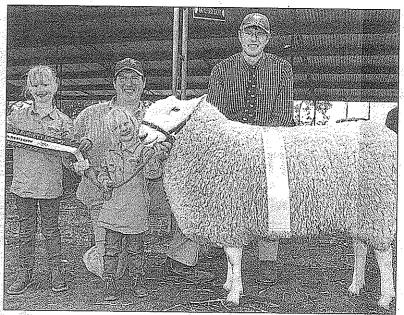The sheep shed saw four breeds in competition – Border Leicester, Merino, Poll Dorset and Suffolk.

The Borders Leicesters were strongly represented by four studs with about 50 sheep on show.

It was the Border Leicesters that dominated the interbreed judging, with Border Leicester ram – Wattle Farm Exceed – from the Sutton family's stud, Wattle Farm, Temora, judged supreme champion ram of the show (over 1½ years-old) and one of their ewes was judged supreme champion ewe of the show (over 1½ years-old).

The Quickshear competition was contested by a strong field of local shearers as well as several shearers that travelled for the event.

It was Canberra's Jack Noble that took out the open Quickshear, followed by Ben Browne in second place and Bailey O'Rafferty third, both of Cootamundra.

Other highlights about the grounds were the tractor pull, pig races and horse events.

Jeff Sutton, Wattle Farm Border Leicester stud, Temora, and his daughters Elizabeth, 6, and Christine, 4, with their Border Leicester ram Wattle Farm Exceed that was judged supreme champion ram of the show by Brendan Mansbridge, Brooklyn Park Poll Dorset stud, Eugowra.