

Minister Geoff Brock

Acting Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

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Young South Australians dominate in rural awards

South Australia has dominated in the Australasian Young Judges Competitions held last week in Queensland.

The competitions – run by the Federal Council of Agricultural Societies – involved entrants from all Australian States and New Zealand.

Acting Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Minister Geoff Brock said the achievement reflects well on South Australia's regional youth.

“After the Eyre Peninsula's Courtney Ramsey was recently named Australasian Rural Ambassador, four more of our best and brightest from regional South Australia have now had success.

“Tara Clarke from Melrose won the Merino Fleece competition, and Robert Walmsley from Murray Bridge won the Dairy Cattle competition.

“Jessica Seeliger from Flaxman Valley finished third in the Dairy Cattle Handlers' competition; and Penola's Jarrod Eason finished third in the Beef Cattle Paraders' competition.

“Boomeroo Centre's Alistair Keller – South Australia's Young Rural Ambassador for 2014 – finished second in the Marino Sheep competition.

“All of these young men and women have played significant roles in their country communities and have shown great leadership qualities.”

“The Young Judges Competition is for youth aged between 15 and 25, and is helping to train the next generation of young judges and livestock breeders.

“These finalists have all shown great passion for their craft, their regions, and for keeping the spirit of country shows alive.”

PIRSA sponsors both the Rural Ambassador Awards and the Young Judges Competition.

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