

## Passionate young wool judge named Young Rural Ambassador for 2022

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Cody Jones from Leighton in the state's Mid North has won South Australia's Young Rural Ambassador Award for 2022.

Cody, who represents the Clare Show and Northern Shows Association, is a wool representative who has been involved in country shows and the Royal Adelaide Show since he was young. Now aged 20, Cody is convening the wool section at this year's Clare Show. He is passionate about young judge competitions, which are the training ground for future show judges, and his goal is to add a young judge competition to the Clare Show. Cody has also represented South Australia at National Young Judges competitions.

The runner up was Rebecca Clifford from the Kimba Show and Eyre Peninsula Show Association. Rebecca, aged 18, is currently completing a traineeship in aged care, and greatly enjoys helping those in her community and volunteering. She has been a part of her local show committee for four years.

The Young Rural Ambassador Award is supported by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) and run by SA Country Shows. It recognises people young people who are committed to their local show and community and highlights the importance of youth in the agricultural show movement. It also acts as a succession plan for South Australia's country shows, helping to inject enthusiastic young people into their local shows and into their communities in leadership roles.

The 2022 state winner and runner up were announced at a dinner on Friday 15 July at the Adelaide Showground.

### 2022 Young Rural Ambassador Award state finalists:

Riley Kulper (Murraylands); Katherine Thiele (Southern); Ethan White (Northern); Lucy Steer (SE & Border); Will Goodes (SE & Border); Maddie Zoanetti (Central).

### Comments to be attributed to Catherine Hutchesson, Member for Waite (who attended the ceremony on behalf of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Clare Scriven):

"The Young Rural Ambassador Award is about championing youth in agriculture. It recognizes young people who are committed to their local shows and making positive contributions to their community.

"Congratulations to Cody on winning the South Australia's Young Rural Ambassador Award for 2022 and well done to all of the finalists. They are all fine examples of young people in our regions and I wish them well in their careers and personal development."

**Comments to be attributed to Cody Jones:**

“It is an absolute honour to win this award, especially against the quality of the other young rural ambassador finalists as they are all amazing young ambassadors.

“As the Young Rural Ambassador state winner for South Australia, I hope to build networks with a lot of new and different people. This way I can promote my own local show, especially the agricultural sector, as that is what the region is built on.

“Over the next few years, I wish to get a Young Judges’ Competition going at the Clare Show.”