



LEFT: Judge, Bill Almond, Willowean Pastoral Company, Borambola, and Jason Impey, Crookwell, decorate grand champion Simmental bull, Delelvin Casino Royale, exhibited by Clinton Maxwell, Delelvin stud, Blackville.

Bonded by victory

 By EMMA DOWNEY

JUST like the action-packed James Bond film he was named after, young Simmental bull, Delelvin Casino Royale, is no stranger to the limelight and was a smash hit in the Sydney show ring at the weekend.

The senior and grand champion and best exhibit, shown by Clinton and Robert Maxwell,

Delelvin stud, Blackville, is just 21 months old, but has already paraded at about 15 shows.

Clinton Maxwell said most of his show ring experience was as a calf at foot.

Simmental judge and the president of the Australian Simmental Breeders Association, Bill Almond, Kensileyre Simmentals, Borambola via Wagga Wagga, described the Maxwells' top bull as smooth and beautifully muscled, carrying good fat cover.

"He's an early maturing bull which will fit the feedlot and carcass trade cattle market," he said.

Casino Royale was sired by a West Australian bull, Lucrana Mortlock, which the Maxwells bought, and which sired the Sydney Royal 2005 senior Simmental champion.

Stuart Moeck's Valley Creek stud, Schofields, exhibited the junior and grand female, Waterfront Dorinda, a rising one-year-old female, which has been bred using an infusion of South African genetics.

Mr Moeck bought Dorinda as a heifer at the Waterfront stud sale in South Australia for \$5250.

Dorinda's sire, Woonallee Kaino, was bred in South Australia using South African

genetics and sold for \$21,000 three years ago in a private sale, while her dam, Waterfront Angela, was junior breed champion at Adelaide Royal three years ago.

Mr Almond said Mr Moeck's top young female, also champion female at this year's Bathurst Royal, was "magnificent for her age".

"Structurally she's beautiful, very feminine, and hard to fault – she was a delight to judge," he said.

When it came to choosing his best exhibit, he said there was little between the top Delelvin bull and Valley Creek female.

"In the end, the bull had more maturity on the heifer," he said.

Central West exhibitors, Bruno and Marie Schmid, Tullatoola stud, Molong, paraded the reserve senior bull, Goonoo Creek Bobcat; reserve junior bull, Tullatoola Big Red, and senior female, Tullatoola Queen Beatrice.

Bobcat was reserve senior champion at the NSW Beef Spectacular in Dubbo last month, reserve senior bull at Sydney Royal in 2008, the supreme exhibit at Bendigo Beef Show, and interbreed champion bull at Parkes Show.

Champions

Simmental

Senior and grand bull and best exhibit: Delelvin Casino Royale, C. Maxwell, Delelvin stud, Blackville. **Res:** Goonoo Creek Bobcat, B. and M. Schmid.

Junior and grand female: Waterfront Dorinda, S. Moeck, Valley Creek stud, Schofields. **Res:** Yarramore Chianti, W.W. Jordan, Tamworth.

Junior bull: Craven Creek Cessar, N. Middlebrook, Craven Creek Simmentals, Gloucester. **Res:** Tullatoola Big Red, B. and M. Schmid, Tullatoola stud, Molong.

Senior female: Tullatoola Queen Beatrice, B. and M. Schmid.

Res: Maj Rosemary, K. Nieass, Londonderry.