

International Dairy Week 2024

National Guernsey Show Judge Appointment

Mr. Brian Leslie, Victoria, Australia

Our 2024 National Guernsey Show judge Mr. Brian Leslie has been involved in the pedigree Dairy industry his entire life. He has worked with his parents and brothers in the family enterprise for the past 34 years, with their herd having won more than 30 Championships: including 3 Grand Champions and no less than 13 Premier Breeder and/or Exhibitor banners at International Dairy Week.

The family have sold record priced animals at International Dairy Week up to \$40,000 and proudly bred the National production record holder in Japan.

He has judged shows in Argentina, Germany, Japan, Jersey Island and Northern Ireland as well as the prestigious Hayes Classic at the Royal Winter Fair in Canada. He has also judged All Breeds at major and Royal Shows in every state of Australia.

He is one of only two Australians to judge both the Holsteins and Jerseys at International Dairy Week, along with the Brown Swiss and National Youth Show.

Having spent most of his time as an auctioneer, selling mainly dairy cattle in all states of Australia and also overseas; he has proudly sold the record priced animals in all breeds, including the \$251,000 heifer at IDW 2017.

He is a partner of Dairy Livestock Services, who sell several thousand dairy cattle both domestically and internationally every year.

In 1990, along with Daryl Brown, Brian founded International Dairy Week and played a vital role in developing IDW as director until 2021.

Brian is married to Diane and they live with their daughter Rachel in Kialla, Northern Victoria. He is likely the most well-known voice of the dairy industry within Australia, having been heavily involved in breeding, selling and judging dairy cows over many decades.

He was awarded the Lex Bunn Award in 2008 and the Jersey Australia Distinguished Service Award in 2019. In 2023, he received King's Birthday honours, being awarded an OAM for his services to the dairy industry.

Brian judged his first Guernsey show in 1985 and has judged the breed twice at Melbourne Royal, as well as Adelaide and Toowoomba Royals and major state feature shows throughout Australia.

He has toured great Guernsey herds in the USA, Canada and the home of the breed, Guernsey Island, as well as attending two Guernsey World Conference shows.

He appreciates the great relationships he has built with Guernsey breeders over many decades and is looking forward to judging the National Guernsey Show.

Welcome - Mr Brian Leslie to the IDW 2024 judging panel!