

# **International Dairy Week 2024**

## **National Illawarra Show Judge Appointment**

### **Mr. Brian Parker, New South Wales, Australia**

Our Illawarra judge hails from Denman in the Hunter Valley of New South Wales, operating a family owned Illawarra stud backed by 5 generations of breeding, 43 years of which have been as a registered stud.

Having exhibited twice at IDW- the inaugural Illawarra Show claiming the Reserve Intermediate Champion with Daisys Prince Nancy in 1999, then returning to receive Best Udder with V. Pauli Elizabeth. Since deregulation hit they have remained focused on breeding their herd to prioritised type and production with the view to return to the show ring. It is with that vision that their reputation for breeding high quality Illawarra's has remained.

Mentoring from legends of the Illawarra breed have played a huge role in guiding his career; therefore he encourages any young dairy farmers, no matter their preferred dairy breed, to reach out to experienced dairy breeders and make yourself known to them.

Brian has enjoyed judging dairy cattle at numerous shows across Australia – including the Kiama and Shepparton Shows, the 2023 Toowoomba Royal and the 49<sup>th</sup> NSW Spring Fair in Berry.

Our judge has served on the ICOSA Federal Board since 2008 and is currently in his second year as Federal President, while serving terms on the Bull Selection Committee and Production Committee as Chair.

Along with his wife Debbie, he proudly breeds Illawarra's under the Creighton Park prefix and is an extremely proud advocate for the Illawarra breed. He believes that opening up the genetic base to other breeds like Dairy Shorthorn and Scandinavian Reds, has led to the modernised Illawarra's, with some of the best of the breed set to be on display at International Dairy Week 2024.

Please welcome Mr Brian Parker as the 2024 National Illawarra Judge for International Dairy Week!