



Chatham High School's agriculture team, back left to right – Brad Christensen, Peter Longworth, Lukis Tisdell, with Jock Laurie from the National Farmers Federation, Marcus McLeod-Hemsworth, Ty Benjamin and Jacob Fraser. Front left to right – Jane Walker, Steven Taylor, Emma McFadden, Bella Clements, Jessica Edwards and Zoe Cambrell.

Chatham ag team's Beef Week experience

CHATHAM High School Agriculture Show Team represented the school at Wingham Beef Week.

Throughout the four days the students displayed initiative and commitment and represented the school with pride whilst looking after the school's Limousin cross steers.

These steers were bought from Peter Longworth from "Kundle Park Limousin".

The heaviest steers, Bear, 620 kg live weight, and Dexter, 680kg live weight, have been at Chatham for one year and the lightest, Patches, 411kg, was at Chatham for six months.

The week provided many achievements for Chatham High School. Brodie Woolnough from year nine, on Wednesday, achieved a first place in the 14 years Paraders. Bear, led by Lukis Tisdell, year nine, achieved a wonderful fourth place in the heavyweight (over 520kg live weight) Hoof Section of the Led Steer.

The same steer managed a 13th place in the hook competition.

Dexter, our largest steer, achieved an 8th place in the hook competition.

The Paul Van Weerdenburg Memorial Shield, for best per-



Year 10 student Zoe Cambrell was awarded the Paul Van Weerdenburg Memorial Shield for Best Performing Chatham High Agricultural Student at the 2014 Wingham Beef Week award presentations. Teacher Jane Walker is pictured with Zoe.

forming Chatham Agricultural student, was awarded to Zoe Cambrell of Year 10 for her dedication and application to the care and preparation of the steers throughout the competition.

The students would like to show their appreciation to the Wingham Beef Week Show society for running the event and all sponsors involved.

We would also like to show our

appreciation to Peter Longworth for his continued support of all things agricultural at Chatham High School.

Overall the students increased their knowledge of judging, leading, management and handling of cattle leading up to and at shows.

The show team are looking forward to the opportunity of representing the school at the next season of agricultural shows.