



● Rangan Charolais' Graeme Cook, Countryside Meats proprietor Locky Altmeier, and Peter Godbolt, from the cattle committee of the Albury Show society. Picture: KYLIE GOLDSMITH.

Butcher buys 'best of the best' off hook

BY MICK McGLONE

LOCKY Altmeier said buying the entire ring of cattle entered in the hoof and hook division of the Albury Show was like playing with a team of 18 Gary Abletts.

"The farmers are entering their very best cattle," the keen Geelong supporter and Albury Countryside Meats proprietor said.

"So I am buying the best of the best, which is then available to my customers.

"And that is not always possible to do in the market."

Mr Altmeier has taken advantage of the opportunity to be involved with the Albury Show Society for several years and his purchases include the champion carcass at each show.

This year's champion was a 15-month-old, grass-fattened charolais-angus steer, which was bred by Rangan Charolais at Sandy Creek.

Stud owner Graeme Cook said

he was delighted at winning the award, not only for Rangan Charolais but because it also showed what the breed was capable of.

"It was always going to be a challenge to win the hoof section of the show because the local producers have their best cattle there and it was up against some very good grain-fed cattle," he said.

"But when it came to the carcass side of things I knew this beast was going to be a big chance."