

Showtimes

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The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman

The Amphitheatre at the Royal Easter Show was buzzing on Sunday 10 April for the announcement of the Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman 2022.

Sixty years after Margaret Mackay was announced as the first winner of the Miss Showgirl Competition in 1962, Peak Hill's Molly Wright has been announced as the inaugural The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman 2022 winner. Molly works as the livestock manager on her family farming operation. Imogen Clarke, Nowra, was announced as this year's runner-up, the first from Nowra to place in the history of the competition. Imogen is an Ophthalmic Technician and Assistant.

The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Finalists for 2022 include Jenna Robinson from Lismore, Gypsy Marshall from Taree, Madelyn Nash from Milton, Chloe Campbell from Bombala, Savannah Boutsikakis from Crookwell, Elisabeth Weber from Walgett, Emma Bailey from Tamworth, Samantha Cormie from Coonabarabran, Hayley Johns from Maitland, Marta Sarova from Cowra, Lilly Hand from Bourke, Gemma Tassell from Hay, and Shelby Taggart from Deniliquin.

The State competition judges were Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall, Belinda Davidson, Young, and The Land's Karen Bailey.



2022 AgShows NSW Executive

President: - Mr Peter Gooch

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**Honorary Treasurer: - Mr David Williams
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday (9am-3pm)

Resignation from the Board

Geoff Bush has resigned from the Board of Directors. His participation, dedication, and friendship over the years as a Director of the ASC has been invaluable.

We thank him for investing his time, knowledge, and experience in assisting the ASC to maintain its aim, objectives and supporting the Country Show Movement in New South Wales.

We wish Geoff all the very best in his future endeavours.

Post Show Information

To those Show societies who have held their 2022 show and have sent in the NLIS, Horse Results and Statistical Information, thank you.

Reminder

Shows are eligible for \$200 (+GST if the Show is GST registered) for COVID-19 supplies upon receipt of invoice from the Show Society and receipts of the purchases made to
sarah.mcgregor@ascofnsw.org.au

Final President's Post from Tim Capp

Three years just seems to have flown by. A lot of shows have been cancelled in my time as President with the major influence on our shows over these years obviously being COVID-19 but we have also had several disasters during this time including drought, bushfires, and floods. All have an impact on the local show and the volunteers that run them. We are seeing with some of our shows the impact of a show not running for a year, in some cases three years, and the challenges they are facing finding enough volunteers to restart the show. I know it is nothing new to say but we must ensure we have enough younger people coming through to continue our Ag show institution for many years to come.

Since the last newsletter we have seen the completion of the zone finals for the Young Woman competition. The initial Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman 2022 competition was held at the Royal Easter Show this year. Congratulations to Molly Wright (Peak Hill) and Imogen Clarke (Nowra) who are already out and about at local shows promoting our shows and the Young Woman competition. I am very pleased to inform you that the RAS will be giving all the 2022 finalists a sash which was missing from their competition in Sydney. Molly and Imogen will also receive a winner and runner-up sash. Thank you to the RAS for listening to the opinions of shows and former Showgirls.

The State Finals of the Young Judges competition has been once again held at the Royal Easter Show where the future judges of the showring get to show their abilities. My involvement in the judging of the Rural Achiever competition at the Royal Easter show was once again an enjoyable experience spending time with these young people as they shared their involvement in their respective careers and their aims and ambitions as they move forward in their life. Many of them have considerable show involvement already and we hope that they continue to do so in the future. This year in Sydney we saw the running of the 2021 and 2022 National Finals for Young Judges, Paraders and Rural Ambassadors. Thank you to all involved. NSW did exceptionally well in both the years and won the Keast Shield for 2022.

The ASC Company AGM was held in April at Stadium Australia where we also presented our awards for dedication, innovation, excellence, and resilience. Well done to all this year's recipients. It was a great pleasure to be able to present Mr Geoff Bush with Life Membership of the ASC of NSW. Also officially launched at the company AGM was the new logo to go with our new trading name AgShows NSW. Congratulations to Trudy Fanning, Deniliquin Show Society for her winning design. I believe our new logo provides instant recognition of who, what and where we are.

Inside this newsletter you will find the two recipients of the RASF Rural Scholarships which AgShows NSW is a proud sponsor. We wish Micquella Grima and Shannyn Neville all the best with their future studies and are pleased to be able to help them towards their future careers.

As many of you would be aware Kim England has resigned from the position of CEO, with the resignation effective from 21 July 2022. Kim joined the ASC in June 2010 and has held the position of CEO for over two years. All the Directors, employees and members have really enjoyed working with her and we would like to thank her for all her hard work, dedication, and contributions over the past twelve years. We will all miss Kim and wish her continued success in all her future endeavours.

Finally, congratulations to Peter Gooch on his election as President, Jill Chapman on her reelection as Vice President and Jody Nelson-Gleeson on her election as Vice President. David Peters has been elected Honorary Secretary and David Williams OAM Honorary Treasurer. I wish them all the very best in their roles.



The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Dinner

On Thursday April 7 the annual AgShows NSW dinner was held at the North Ryde Golf Club. The dinner is to congratulate the State Finalists and thank the sponsors and Judges of the Zone Finals.

PSC Insurance Brokers sponsor the Zone Finals and Mr. Phil Lemieux and Mr. Scott Slingo attended with Phil addressing the 70 plus guests. Their support of the Zone Finals is very much appreciated.

Throughout the evening there was a question-and-answer segment where AgShows NSW President Mr. Tim Capp asked each of the young women a couple of questions. It was lovely meeting all the Sydney Finalists and hearing their stories.

The 2021 Queensland Country Life Showgirl Brittany Kugel and runner-up Cheney Vetter were among the special guests. Towards the end of the evening Brittany in addressing the guests presented The Land Sydney Royal Showgirl 2020 Jessica Neale with a gift. This would have been presented at the EKKA last year, but it was cancelled. Jessica has been invited to attend the EKKA this year, something she is looking forward to.

RAS Councillors Stuart Davies and Susan Wakeford were also among the guests as were two of the three State Judges Karen Bailey and Adam Marshall.

Thank you to The Land Sydney Royal Showgirl 2020 Jessica Neale for providing encouragement to the 15 State Finalists.

The evening concluded with a closing address by Mrs. Jill Chapman, Chair Young Woman/Showgirl committee. Jill congratulated and wished all the Sydney Finalists the very best for their time in Sydney.



Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman 2022 Lunch with Directors

On Monday April 11 the day after the announcement Molly Wright and Imogen Clarke were invited to lunch with the ASC Directors at the Novotel Sydney Olympic Park. Mr. Tim Capp welcomed the Molly and Imogen. Jessica Neale, 2020 Land Sydney Royal Showgirl was a special guest.

It was lovely for the AgShows NSW Directors to be able to congratulate and spend some time with Molly and Imogen.



Show Entrance Banners Should Continue to be Displayed

In 2015/2016 AgShows NSW had banners produced and distributed to shows to have displayed at their entrances.

Any opportunity taken to communicate the terms and conditions of entry is useful. The banner itself is not a “silver bullet” but goes to demonstrate the efforts made by the Show Societies to effectively communicate to their patrons the terms and conditions upon which entry is predicated.

Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman 2022 Zone Seven Final

Congratulations to Ungarie Show Society for hosting the Zone 7 Final on February 26, 2022. There were 17 entrants. Well done to Courtney Menzies – Ganmain, Rebecca Dean – Wagga Wagga, Kaileha Daly – Ungarie, Chantelle Gorman – Berrigan, Melinda Thiele – The Rock, Elize Turton – Junee, Lucy Patton – Weethalle, Grace Mitchell – Albury, Faith Pyers – Holbrook, Georgia Knight – Hillston, Rachel Taylor-Fraser – Griffith, Gemma Tassell – Hay, Shelby Tiffin- Leeton, Shelby Taggert – Deniliquin and Kimberley Ferguson – Temora. You should all be very proud of yourselves as you represented your Show Society's and communities proudly.

Thank you to the Judges AgShows NSW Directors Sue Sharpe and Andrew Hall and Gavin Coote ABC News. They dedicated their weekend, and their support of the Zone Final is very much appreciated. They had a difficult decision with the calibre of young women. Congratulations to Shelby Taggert (Deniliquin) and Gemma Tassell (Hay) who were selected as the Zone Finalists heading to the Easter Show.

The two State Finalists each received a strand of pearls from PSC Insurance Brokers. Gemma was so touched by the gift she wrote to Phil Lemieux expressing her thanks for "one of my most prized possessions".

Thank you to Michelle Whiley and Sonya Ward and the community of Ungarie. The support from the Show Society and local community was strongly felt throughout the evening. The community rallied to prepare, cook, and serve a lovely three course meal. The handmade gifts for the entrants and donations for the raffle were exquisite.

Jessica Neale, Land Sydney Royal Showgirl 2020 interviewed the young women on stage. Jessica made the entrants feel at ease and we enjoyed hearing about their passions and achievements. Thank you to Kate Webster and her partner Tim for attending. AgShows NSW Next Gen President Isabel Hawken addressed the guests.



Shows can Register as a Discover NSW Voucher Recipient

To find out more and to register go to <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/dine-discover-nsw/dine-discover-nsw-information-businesses#eligibility>

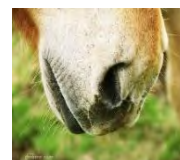
Businesses that register to accept Discover NSW vouchers can also accept Parents NSW vouchers <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/parents-nsw-vouchers>

Sensory Whisker Hair Policy

From the 1st of July 2022 the Sensory Whisker Hair Policy will come into effect for Equestrian Australia (EA) events. Guidelines around this policy are still being finalised by Equestrian Australia and will be shared once available.

The officiating judge for **EA classes** will be the only person in the show ring who can eliminate a horse should they determine a horse's whiskers have been cut.

At this stage this is purely information for those Shows that run specific **EA Show Horse Classes** and does not affect any other aspects of your Horse Sections.





Patrick Keast Award

The 2021 Keast Shield was won by Victoria with 2022 taken out by NSW.

Congratulations to NSW the winner of the 2022 Keast Shield Award for the most successful State in the Young Judges and Paraders competitions.



Geoff Mayo Shield

Group 5 for being awarded the Geoff Mayo Shield for the most outstanding AgShows NSW Group. Points for this competition are earned from participation and placement in the Rural Achiever, Young Woman, Young Judges, Paraders, Rich Fruit Cake and Woollen Article/Garment competitions at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Wendy Woodward OAM and Sue Sharpe accepted the award on behalf of Group 5.



Welcome to the four new ASC Directors

Jackie Thompson – Group 6
Rebecca Cope – Group 14
Wendy Woodward OAM – Group 5
Brendan Munn – Group 14



Ancillary Events

Please advise the ASC of NSW office of any ancillary events planned between 31st May 2022 and 31st May 2023. This information has been requested by your insurer. Details can be emailed to

asc.admin@ascofnsw.org.au

National Volunteering Week 16-22 May 2022

The 16-22 May was National Volunteer Week, Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. AgShows NSW would like to thank all Show volunteers for their dedication and contribution to their Shows and the Ag Show Movement as a whole.

Running a Rural Ambassador Program at your Show

Running the Rural Ambassadors program at a grassroots level is a great way to actively engage more young people in local shows and provides both competition experience and show involvement to potential entrants in the state Rural Achiever competition. A local competition will help identify the next generation of Show Society Committee members making it a win-win for both Show Societies looking for younger members and local young people who want to make their mark in their local area.

For information on how to run a Rural Ambassador Program at your Show go to <https://www.agshowsnsw.org.au/competitions/rural-achiever>

AgShows NSW Awards

Each year AgShows NSW are proud to host an awards ceremony which recognises the excellence, dedication, resilience, and innovation of Agricultural Shows and their volunteers from across the State. Congratulations to all the finalists and the winners of this year's awards.

2022 Dedication Award

Recognises a person who has shown exceptional dedication to their Show Society.

Well done to joint winners June Lowry and George Rathbone!

June has been an active and integral member of the Wakool Show Society since its inception in 1960. A life member and to date June has not missed a Show. June works tirelessly to run the canteen – the Show's biggest earner – a testament to her cooking. June sources all her own sponsors and donations for the canteen, personally visiting each sponsor prior to the Show to collect the donations. Always first to arrive and the last to leave at any working bee and on show day and oracle of knowledge. If June is not in the canteen, she is delivering morning tea to the horse judges and stewards. At 88, if June needs a break from the canteen, she is staffing the Show bag stand.

George and his late wife Dorris moved to the area in 1956 to grow rice in the newly developed irrigation area of Cadwell. George carried on his Fathers enthusiasm for Agricultural Shows and joined the Barham Show Society, then in 1960 was one of the founding members of the Wakool Show Society. George is a life member of both Show Societies and has held positions of President, Vice President, Ring Master, and Assistant Ring Master on both committees. At 92 years of age George is still the Vice President and Ring Master at the Wakool Show and is the driving force behind the horse programs at both Shows. To date George has not missed a Show and is the committees VAS and NDAS delegate.



2022 President's Innovation Award

Is for innovation by a Show Society Member of AgShows NSW.

Well done to Nowra Show Society!

Nowra Show Society established in 1874 was pleased to present the 145th Show on the 4-5th February this year. In response to the Black Summer bushfires, the 2020 Nowra Show was free for all attendees, one of the many ways that the Society gives back to their local community. While the 2021 Show was cancelled due to COVID, the recently held 2022 Show was one of the most attended Nowra Shows on record and reflects the continuing relevance of the Show as a means of bringing the community together. The annual Show promotes the development of agricultural, horticultural, and industrial resources of Nowra and surrounding districts. It is led by a volunteer management committee of over 65. The committee is passionate about rural life, the importance of agriculture to an increasingly urban community and the value of tradition whilst also understanding the need to pass knowledge on to the next generation to move successfully into the future. Educating young people on the importance of agriculture and where their food comes from, is important. To further this the 2022 Nowra Showgirl, Imogen Clarke developed a musical titled Farm to Fridge. The genesis of Farm to Fridge was the popular children's books and TV Show 'George the Farmer'. Farm to Fridge incorporates existing musical items from George the Farmer, integrated with an original script, to tell the story of food processing within the Shoalhaven area.

This innovative idea was included in the recent 2022 Nowra Show with three well attended performances.

2022 Excellence Award

Recognises a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the Show Movement.

Well done to Geoff Cannock, Canberra Royal Show!

Before retirement Geoff served as the CEO of the Royal Canberra Show. Geoff was always very passionate about not only creating a must attend event full of cutting-edge entertainment, but also being committed to the promotion of Agriculture through competition and display. Geoff served as a Delegate to the ASC for five years as a representative for Group 7. He was always a great supporter of local Shows.

It is during the last two years that Geoff's dedication to help save the Royal Canberra Show, has seen him nominated for this year's Excellence Award. Canberra Royal did run a Show in February 2020, but it is no secret that the Society was in financial trouble. Geoff came out of retirement, put his Superman cape back on, and set about putting Canberra Royal back in the black.

The Pandemic has been hard on Shows, but Canberra also had to deal with the COVID testing centre for the region being set up on the Showground. Unable to hold a normal Show in 2021, they ran a very successful Cattle and Dog show which importantly injected some much-needed cash back into the Show Society. Geoff worked very hard with all the stakeholders to enable the Committee to run the recently held 2022 Royal Canberra Show. Even with numerous issues thrown their way including protesters illegally camping on their ground the week of the Show, through Geoff's experience and guidance they ran a very successful event both popular with exhibitors and more importantly the public.

Geoff was asked 12 months ago if he was the acting CEO of Canberra and his response was, he never acted at anything, he was the CEO.



AgShows NSW Awards

2021 Resilience Award

Recognises a Show who has shown resilience during COVID-19.



Well done to Taralga A P & H Association Inc!

The annual Show is held in the village of Taralga situated in the Southern Tablelands, the village and its surrounds are home to approximately 450 people. The Taralga A P & H Association has shown resilience by continuing to hold the Show the second weekend in March during both 2020 and 2021, despite the COVID challenges. The 2021 Show was more challenging than 2020 given rise of COVID cases at that time, but the committee were determined to hold their Show and providing an enjoyable weekend for the community, even taking extra time off from their paid work.

A company was engaged to assess the COVID plan and inspect the showground once set up to ensure the pre-cautions in place were appropriate. Access to the back gate was closed to count competitors and patrons as they entered. This meant extra volunteers at the front gates for longer over the weekend than is normally required to keep everyone safely distanced while they checked in. The show was run at a much higher cost than previous years due to purchasing hand sanitizer, signage and hiring extra amenities. Extra signage was required in the pavilions to remind patrons to keep a safe distance and ensure a unidirectional traffic flow. All the show events went ahead. Some were moved to new locations on the showground to disperse the crowds and timetables amended so that popular events that usually run next to each other were on at separate times. The local CWA members cooked slices and cakes for the 'cuppa on the hill' and then individually wrapped them.

The committee felt it very important for the community to have an event to look forward to especially given the drought, fires and that the rodeo was cancelled three years in a row. The Committee is immensely proud of all the extra effort put into hosting the 2021 Show especially as larger towns and committees around were cancelling their shows. This dedication and extra work were rewarded with the highest ever gate takings. The extra stress and organizing were well worth the result, which was a fabulous and fun 2021 Taralga Show.

Online Insurance Declaration Form

Online Insurance Declaration Form

Thank you to all members for completing the online insurance declaration form. AgShows NSW understands this is a new approach to completing the form for all members.

The cooperation which ASC received from members in completing the form is much appreciated.

The insurance premium invoice and copy of the insurance certificate will be progressively emailed to members from mid-June 2022. If there are any queries, please email Jasmine asc.admin@ascofnsw.org.au



ASC Rich Fruit Cake Recipe/Instructions for Show Schedules

Please ensure you have the current recipe and instructions correct in your Show Schedule for the ASC Rich Fruit Cake Competition. The current regulation makes note of the cake needing to be in a square tin 20cm x 20cm (8" x 8") and the height of the cake not exceeding 5.7cm (57mm). It is also important that the Judge receives a copy of the recipe and instructions prior to judging the competition.

Please see link to the current regulations. https://www.AgShowsNSW.org.au/files/competitions/Other%20Competitions/2021_Rich_Fruit_Cake_Handbook_and_Instructions/Rich_Fruit_Cake_Recipe_June_2021.pdf



Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman 2022 Zone Six Final

The last and the largest of the seven Zone Finals for 2022 was hosted by Condobolin Show Society on the 5 March. There were nineteen entrants. Well done to all the young ladies, you represented your Show Societies proudly.

Orange	Miranda Eyb
Parkes	Rebecca Bicket
Blayney	Emma Pryse Jones
Bathurst	Laura Van Uum
Bourke	Lilly Hand
Coonamble	Edwina Knight
Gilgandra	Kate Banks
Narromine	Lauren Moody
Warren	Emily Turnbull
Wellington	Amelia Bryant
Dubbo	Niamh Hutchinson
Bedgerabong	Grace Ranger
Cowra	Marta Sarova
Grenfell	Heather Walker
Condobolin	Haidee Yeomans
Eugowra	Brielle Thornton
Peak Hill	Molly Wright
Forbes	Elise Dukes
Yeoval	Anna Hunter



Special mention must be made to Elissa Simmons who unfortunately had to withdraw at the last minute due to COVID. We hope Elissa has made a full recovery. Lauren Moody with 24 hours' notice represented Narromine. Well done, Lauren!

As there were 19 young women three were selected to go through to the Easter Show. Tim Capp announced Molly Wright (Peak Hill), Lilly Hand (Bourke) and Marta Sarova (Cowra) as the three young women representing Zone 6. The judges for the Zone Final were AgShows NSW President Tim Capp, The Land's Andrew Norris and the 2020 Land Sydney Royal Showgirl 2nd Runner Kate Webster. Thank you to the judges. Thank you to Lyndsey Douglas who did a wonderful job as the MC for the event and interviewing the entrants on stage. Lyndsey engaged with and included the audience, at one point asking all showgirls/young women in the room to stand. The showgirl/young woman movement is strong. Thank you to Sam Bush who spoke on behalf of Next Gen. Thank you to our sponsors both the girls received a strand of pearls from PSC Insurance and a voucher from Birdsnest.

Special thanks to Condobolin Show Society for hosting and Carol-Ann Malouf OAM for coordinating such a wonderful event. The evening presentation was held in the SRA Pavilion and housed over 170 guests who enjoyed a lovely meal and listening to the 19 inspiring young women.

Supplementary Shows

A reminder for shows to inform the ASC of NSW office via email nicky.seeto@ascofnsw.org.au of any supplementary horse shows that you may be holding throughout the year. This information is important for your event to be included in our date list book and Sydney Royal who uses this information for horse performance qualification calculation.

2022 State Young Judges Results

Beef Parader Competition

Champion

Zoe Rudder



Beef Young Judges Competition

1st Micquella Grima

Group 11

2nd Josephine Green

Group 3

3rd Hamish McClure

Group 7



Meat Breeds Sheep Young Judges Competition

1st Megan Baker

Group 5

2nd Thomas Andersen

Group 4

3rd Monte Barnes

Group 9



Merino Sheep Young Judges Competition

1st Patrick Davis

Canberra Stud Merino Breeders Association

2nd Monte Barnes

Group 9

3rd Adam Fordham

Group 5



Merino Fleece Young Judges Competition

1st Jessica Kastelein

Group 13

2nd Tahlee-Rose Duffy

Group 11

3rd James Gilmour

Group 14



Fruit & Vegetable Young Judges Competition

1st Michelle Fairall

Group 14

2nd Emily Taylor

Group 14

3rd Sam Batten

Group 5



Grain Young Judges Competition

1st Michelle Fairall

Group 14

2nd Bibiannah Peattie

Group 2

3rd Tahlee-Rose Duffy

Group 11



Dairy Paraders Competition

Champion

Katelyn Atkins

Reserve Champion

Olivia Lambkin

Dairy Young Judges Competition

1st Elly Simms

Group 5

2nd Lachlan Moore

Group 2

3rd Zak Hackett

Group 4



Rich Fruit Cake Competition

1st Barbara Goldman

Group 4

2nd Lynn Halpin

Group 12

3rd Natalie Weismantel

Group 2



Wool & Article Garment Competition

1st Bowral Show

Group 5

2nd Goulburn Show

Group 7

3rd Wingham Show

Group 2



Patrick Keast Champion Show Fleece

Congratulations to Alan McCormack from Crookwell Show for winning the Patrick Keast Champion Show fleece at the 2022 Sydney Royal Easter Show.



Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment:

Members are advised to undertake appropriate risk assessments when planning their Show. A copy of the risk assessment document template is available on ASC's website

<https://agshowsnsw.org.au/files/Insurance%20Forms/MediumSizedShowRiskManagementPlanFeb2022.pdf>

Insurer attending Group Meetings

Insurance and Risk Management Training:

Insurance and risk management training are available to Groups and can be conducted during Group meetings. Groups who are interested in the training can email asc.admin@ascofnsw.org.au to arrange training sessions.

Waivers

Reminder to all Shows to access current waivers from the AgShows NSW website

<http://www.agshowsnsw.org.au/resources/waivers>

ASC/RAS Sheep Fleece Country Show Champion Class

The RAS have advised that the reserve champion fleece can compete in the class if the champion show fleece is unavailable to be entered into Sydney Royal. The RAS will also accept more than 1 winner from a show if their entry is before the RAS closing date.

National Rural Ambassador Gala Dinner

Sunday 10th April AgShows NSW was proud to host both the 2021 and 2022 National Rural Ambassador Finalist's Gala Dinner. A wonderful turnout of 130 people saw the next generation of rural leaders who have the desire to represent and promote their community, their region, and their state vie for the two titles.

This year was the 20th Anniversary of this prestigious award, so it was fitting to have the first National Rural Ambassador Mr. Peter Angus give the audience a trip down memory lane highlighting the opportunities this award can provide these leaders.

Mrs. Pip Courtney from Landline joined us for the evening and presented both 2021 and 2022 prizes which was a lovely edition to the evening.



2021 Winner – Karl Milde – SA

2021 Runner Up – Grace Calder – VIC



2022 Winner – Dione Howard – NSW

2022 Runner Up – Matilda Scott – TAS



Photo Credit: - Bank Visual

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman 2024 Zone Final Dates

Zone 1 - Grafton Saturday
17th February 2024

Zone 2 – TBC

Zone 3 – TBC

Zone 4 - Tamworth
Saturday 10th February
2024

Zone 5 Lithgow Saturday
3rd February 2024

Zone 6 – Narromine
Saturday 10th February
2024

Zone 7 – Temora Saturday
17th February 2024

Staff News

Kim England's resignation

Kim has resigned from her role as CEO to pursue a new professional challenge. Aware of the upcoming compliance workload and to assist the ASC to meet these obligations she has generously offered to work until Thursday 21 July 2022. We are in the process of recruiting a suitable replacement. In the interim period Nicky Seeto is the Office Manager.

Kim has been a valued member of the company for the past twelve years and we are immensely grateful for all the contributions that she has made during her time and the transformations that have resulted. We wish Kim the best on her next venture.

Leave

Jasmine Neoh is on leave from Wednesday 15th June 2022 returning Wednesday 20th July 2022. Please contact Nicky Seeto nicky.seeto@ascfnsw.org.au in her absence.

Supporting Agricultural Showmen and Women (SASW) – Rent Relief Program

The Victorian Showmen's Guild is administering this grant. All questions are to be emailed to Justine at SASWProgram@gmail.com or call (03) 9376 8544.

A) Reimbursement (Shows held between 1 July 2021 and 31st May 2022)

An email was sent to all Show Societies on the 12th May outlining the process for all retrospective payments and what role the Show Society plays in the obtaining the funds for those itinerant traders outside the 'defined amusement area'.

Where your show may have allocated a space to an eligible showbag, food vendor or ride operator outside the defined amusement area, the application for these operator's reimbursements needs to be completed by the Agricultural Show using **Form 6**. The show society will receive the funds and will be required to on pay the eligible operators.

If you are unsure if an Itinerant trader (non-guild member or a showmen/women operating outside the defined amusement area) is eligible, please ask them to complete **Form 8** and include with your Form 6 submission.

– Further information can be found here: <https://victorianshowmensguild.com.au/apply-for-reimbursement/>

B) Rent Relief (Shows held between 1st June 2022 and 30th June 2023)

The **Victorian** Showmen's Guild who is administering the program, will be contacting shows taking place from 1st June 2022 to 30th June 2023 closer to their show date, to discuss and assist with the process of applying for rent relief **prior to their upcoming show**. This will involve the show society applying for rent payment from the VIC Showmen's Guild not the operator.

-Further information can be found here: <https://victorianshowmensguild.com.au/apply-for-rental-relief/>

Any questions, please feel free to contact Justine from the Victorian Showmen's Guild via email on SASWProgram@gmail.com and include the best contact number in your email.

Crown Reserves Improvement Fund (CRIF)

Applications are now open for the 2022-2023 CRIF.

Up to \$17 million is expected to fund projects across NSW as part of this year's program. Crown land managers, reserve user groups and all NSW showgrounds (including freehold) are encouraged to apply.

The CRIF program supports Crown land managers and users by providing funding for upgrades, repair and maintenance projects, pest and weed control, new recreational infrastructure, or environmental initiatives.

The funding aims to benefit the community, boost our economy, and contribute to the cultural, sporting, and recreational life of NSW.

Key dates

2 May 2022 - **Applications open 9am**

3 June 2022 - **Applications close 5pm**

June to November 2022 - **Eligibility, assessment, and approval process**

November 2022 - **Announcement of successful projects and advice to all applicants**

December 2022 to February 2023 - **Grant acceptances and payment processing**

Child Safety

In recent months we have listened to member feedback on our recommendation on Working with Children Checks and had a few meetings with the Office of Children's Guardian to clarify the way forward for ag shows in NSW to ensure our events are child safe.

The Board had a meeting with a representative from the Office of Children's Guardian and discussed the matter at our Board meeting held 25-26 May.

AgShows NSW recommend all members implement the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations as an update to current recommendations <https://childsafety.pmc.gov.au/what-we-do/national-principles-child-safe-organisations>



RASF Rural Scholarships

Purpose: To build strong, vibrant and resilient rural and regional communities and enhance skills availability by helping to enable access to post high school education and training for rural NSW students.

RASF Rural Scholarships support a diverse range of tertiary study and training pursuits for Rural NSW students who:

- demonstrate a passion for rural issues and opportunities and who are committed to playing a part in shaping the future of rural and regional NSW
- who need a financial helping hand to achieve their further education goals and aspirations
- may be of any age undertaking full time, part-time or external tertiary study or training (university, VET courses, and apprenticeships)
- are in any year of further study or training and they can be pursuing a diverse range of education and training pursuits
- are actively involved in their local community.



MICQUELLA GRIMA Orchard Hills
Bachelor of Agriculture / Bachelor of Business (majoring in Agribusiness)

I come from a 3000 acre cattle, sheep and cropping property in Central West NSW, running a stud and commercial beef operation with my partner whilst also working in a Sales Support role with Elders Rural Australia. I am also in the second year of a Bachelor of Agriculture and Bachelor of Business majoring in Agribusiness through the University of New England. I want to work supporting producers in attaining long-term sustainability and achieving the optimum production efficiency of their farming operations.

Scholarship donated by: Agricultural Societies Council of NSW



SHANNYN NEVILLE Bathurst
Bachelor of Nursing

I have recently begun my Bachelor of Nursing at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga campus and hope to have a career as a registered nurse in rural NSW. Rural and regional communities have a severe shortage of healthcare providers, motivating me to remain in my local community and address this need. I did work experience in year 10 at a hospital where I saw the impact that nurses have on patients, this experience fuelled my desire to become a nurse and I hope to go on and inspire others to follow in my footsteps.

Scholarship donated by: Agricultural Societies Council of NSW

Facebook-renamed

Our Facebook page has been renamed AgShows NSW <https://www.facebook.com/AgShowsNSW>

Facebook-scams and how to avoid them by Tanja Branson

All our NSW Ag Shows members' Facebook posts, and in fact, all events promoted on FB, are being overrun by scammer links of late.

Unfortunately, if any of your members or FB friends/followers click on these links it will compromise their online security. I'm sure everyone has seen that 'click here for live feed or buy tickets to XYZ show' - usually they are left as replies to comments rather than in the actual comments section.

During show week our valued committee members are already time-poor so a tip to avoid having to deal with these comments on your social media platforms is to set up an automatic block on trigger words. This can also be used for swearing words. What this does is if those words or phrases are hidden your page's administration will receive a notification to either unhide, leave hidden or delete. Rather than having to be on alert all day in case a too good to be true offer appears on your post which compromises your followers' online security.

To block words on your Show FB Page:

1. Click on settings in your admin profile
2. Click page moderation
3. Type the words (example 'live feed,' 'view') separated by commas. Try to add singular, plural, and possible mis spellings of words you do not want on your page.
4. Click Save changes
5. Have someone that is not on the admin for your page test by commenting using those terms/words

It is also worthwhile putting up a post on your social media pages prior to your event to advise official ticket sale portals and that there will be an official live stream available only through your chosen organisation or that no live stream will be available and advise your members not to click on any links. Unfortunately, scammers are also creating fake event pages with ticket sales to many of our shows - be sure, if any of these are spotted to report to FB in the hope they are taken down.

Single-use plastic BAN

In 2022, NSW is banning certain single-use plastics. For more information

<https://dpe.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/plastics-ban-nsw>



Single-use plastic BAN

NSW is banning certain single-use plastics in 2022.

Banned from 1 June:

- Lightweight plastic shopping bags

Banned from 1 November:

- Single-use plastic straws* and cutlery
- Single-use plastic plates and bowls
- Expanded polystyrene foodware

The ban also applies to 'plant-based' or compostable plastics.
*Exemptions and other banned items apply

The ban applies to all businesses and community organisations.
Get information and advice:
dpe.nsw.gov.au/plastics-ban

R.M Williams RAS 2022 Rural Achievers

Alister Meek, Hobbys Yards	Jessica Fearnley, Bathurst
Katy Armson-Graham, Padstow	Lucy Collingridge, Armidale
Meg Austin, Broken Hill	Miranda McGufficke, Cooma
Nicole Cowling, Maclean	Carl Schubert, Dungog

Congratulations to Jessica Fearnley this year's R.M. Williams RAS Rural Achiever representative!

2022 Rural Achiever Biographies



Alister Meek, Hobbys Yards

Believing leadership is about influence, not authority, Alister is in the perfect position as a high school teacher to inspire and encourage the next generation of agriculturalists. Alister's respect for the role agriculture plays, sharpened by his standing as a fourth-generation farmer, prompted him to study a Bachelor of Agricultural Business Management followed by a Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary). In his current role at Scots All Saints College, Bathurst teaching Agriculture, Primary Industries and Business Studies Alister is determined to motivate others to help propel the industry forward, to uncover innovation, and guide students towards modern farming practices for the benefit of rural communities and the Australian agricultural industry



Lucy Collingridge, Armidale

A proud ambassador for the agricultural industry and regional communities, Lucy is committed to agricultural research, specifically ways to improve biodiversity and allow primary producers to successfully explore sustainable outcomes on the farm. Lucy has played an active role within the agricultural industry from her early teens and has extensive experience volunteering and within the Show movement. Lucy has a Bachelor of Agriculture (General Production) and a Graduate Certificate in Agriculture (Animal Science) and has worked as a Jillaroo, Station Hand, Biosecurity Officer and currently works as a Technical Officer - Vertebrate Pests with the Vertebrate Pest Research Unit within the Department of Primary Industries. She believes resilience, empathy and trust are key to effectively leading and endeavours to use these traits in her work within regional communities.



Jessica Fearnley, Bathurst

Always confident and willing to take the lead, Jessica is driven by her interest in research and development for the agricultural industry, wanting to see Australian farmers succeed with sustainable and global practices. Not only is she aware of the pressing environmental impacts on the industry, but Jessica is also actively seeking ways in which to ensure the industry can attract and retain the next generation and safeguard their mental and fiscal health. With a Bachelor of Rural Science and partway through her Masters of Global Development Jessica is one to lead by example and is well placed to help shape the future of farming and agricultural policies, and to engage others to work with her vision.



Meg Austin, Broken Hill

With firm roots in rural NSW Meg was determined to return upon the completion of her education and to immerse herself in helping her rural community to thrive. Her work as a midwife has highlighted for her the disparity between metropolitan and regional health facilities and the need for quality healthcare no matter where you live, and this has driven Meg to take on more studies to play an active and much-needed role in the vital area of women's health. Meg believes belonging to a community and working side by side with the members is of the most benefit to all and that a strong leader leads from within and inspires others to grow.



Miranda McGufficke, Cooma

Education and hands-on experience are key for Miranda, along with clear career aspirations and ambitions regarding sheep, genetics and breeding. A lifetime on the farm combined with her Bachelor of Agriculture/Bachelor of Business has Miranda's focus on initiating change within the agricultural industry, to see businesses adopt new systems and respond to advances in areas including genetics and education. Seeking out a strong role model or mentor has helped shape Miranda and she is determined to play the same role for others. Her involvement with community groups and the agricultural Show movement ensures Miranda keeps learning and developing her skills as well as playing a role in influencing the lives of others.



Nicole Cowling, Maclean

A focus on the financial side of life will see Nicole use her Bachelor of Business to play a key role in agribusiness and to assist with budgets and financial strategies as an investment in the future of rural communities and Australia. Nicole did not grow up on a farm but has developed an interest in crop and livestock management and has forged strong ties with her community in the Northern Rivers region. Joining the Show society movement has greatly impacted Nicole's future goals and given her strong opinions on the importance of the policies and infrastructure needed to ensure regional communities can grow.



Katy Armson-Graham, Padstow

Promoting agriculture as not only a lifestyle but a career, Katy has a Bachelor of Agriculture and is undertaking her Masters of Teaching and a determination to provide access to an agricultural education to students wherever they live. Her enthusiasm for farming is matched by her passion for teaching and the opportunities both provide. Wanting to ensure experiences and opportunities offered to city-based students are matched by those offered to regional students, Katy has plans to facilitate and lead teaching networks and provide mobile classrooms. Leading by example, Katy seeks out ways to add to her agricultural experiences and takes full advantage of opportunities offered by agricultural groups and Show societies.



Carl Schubert, Dungog

With a focus on sustainability and future-proofing the agricultural industry Carl has a tremendous sense of responsibility and belief that we are all custodians of the land we live and work on. His deep respect for the land and the food and fibre it provides have seen him throw himself into the agricultural Show movement and take on greater involvement with associated societies, Eager to play a role representing his generation, Carl's work as a rural contractor and stockman sees him actively involved with local producers and supporting the industry with new and innovative ideas.

ASC AGM, Logo Reveal and Life Membership

The ASC AGM was held on Sunday 10th April at Accor Stadium. Thank you to the members who attended. Following the AGM, the AgShows NSW Logo was revealed.

Last year a competition was held for the design of a new logo to represent AgShows NSW.

The winner of the design was Trudy Fanning (Deniliquin Show). The ideas behind her logo concept are

- The NSW represents our State
- The mosaic patterns inside NSW represent our regions and groups
- The colours represent our volunteers, community, and our farming diversity



Congratulations!

Life Membership of the Agricultural Societies Council (ASC) was awarded by the Board on Geoff Bush in recognition of his long and meritorious service to Ag Shows in NSW.

Geoff has been an active delegate of the ASC for about 25 years, serving as Vice President for 6 years, then President (2011-2013) and our Treasurer since 2015.

He was selected as one of the original Rural Achievers by the RAS of NSW and was part of the group who organized the formation of the ASC Next Gen Group.

He has, and still is a major contributor to our Young Judges and Paraders Competitions, particularly with cattle competitors. This is because of his knowledge acquired from competing and exhibiting at local shows and the Royal Easter Show, from his Hereford Cattle Stud.

He has been an active member of both Gunning and Cootamundra Shows including serving in the role of Show President.

His knowledge and experience are unsurpassed of the ASC rules and responsibilities and is often requested by current Delegates/Directors and our Executive, to clarify issues as they arise.

Geoff is a very deserving appointment to our group of Life Members who continue to give of their time and experience, long after their term of active responsibilities has passed.



Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman 2022 Zone three Final

Congratulations to Cooma Show Society for hosting the Zone 3 Final on February 26, 2022. There were nine Entrants.

Nimmitabel	Taya Evans
Bombala	Chloe Campbell
Goulburn	Claire Liversidge
Dalgety	Maddy Kirshner
Cooma	Florance McGufficke
Crookwell	Savannah Boutsikakis
Bega	Aleesha Dummett
Gunning	Isla Baird
Cobargo	Rhiannon Ballantyne



Attendees at the evening presentation congratulated Bombala's Chloe Campbell and Crookwell's Savannah Boutsikakis who were selected to go through to the Sydney Royal Show.

Bombala's Young Woman Chloe Campbell 23 is a registered nurse and currently completing her Doctor of Medicine. Crookwell's Young Woman Savannah grew up working with cattle but now has taken on a job in Moree working in the agronomy field. Savannah is a very creative young lady whose hobbies include sewing.

Thank you to the Judges Peter Gooch (AgShows NSW Vice President and Group 4 Delegate), Martin Russell (The Land) and Dione Howard (2020 Rural Achiever). Thank you to Peter Gooch for officiating at the Zone Final.

Special thanks must go to Leanne Mackay and the Show Society committee who assisted. Their organisation, dedication and flexibility ensured a highly successful and enjoyable Zone Final. Bronnie Taylor MLC was the event MC for the evening. Bronnie is the NSW Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women. Thank you, Bronnie, for your support of the Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman 2022 Zone 3 Final.

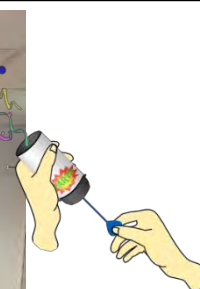
Special thanks to RAS Councillor Robyn Clubb AM for sharing her Showgirl experience. Robyn had a memorable trip to the UK with her sister as chaperone. Thank you also to Stephanie Ferguson (The Land Sydney Royal Showgirl Runner Up 2020) for addressing the audience.

Sponsors are such an important part of Zone Final events and Cooma had some local and regional cattle studs sponsoring the tables which featured some information on each stud and some of their award-winning show entries. The tables looked lovely, great idea! The two State Finalists each received a gift voucher from Birdsnest and a strand of Pearls from PSC Insurance Brokers.

ASC President's Award

The 2022 ASC **President's Award** was presented to Tanja Branson.

At the ASC May Board Meeting Tim Capp presented Tanja Branson with the 2022 President's Award. Tanja is the only Group 1 Delegate, there are usually two and she does a great job single-handedly in this role. She also stepped up into the role of Chair of the Horse Committee. Tanja brings many years' experience in competing and a wealth of information and knowledge to the role. Congratulations Tanja well deserved.



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Slagging off another competitor, a Steward
or a Judge **IS** misconduct.

It may get you banned from Ag Shows.
Just behave properly.

**REPORT MISCONDUCT TO THE
CHIEF STEWARD, SHOW SECRETARY
OR PRESIDENT OF THIS SHOW SO
THAT THEY CAN DEAL WITH IT.**

0% TOLERANCE

REPORT IT!

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