

Showtimes

Please distribute to all Committee Members and Chief Stewards

AgShowsNSW Awards 2024

Nominations for the 2024 AgShows NSW Awards are open. The awards recognise dedication, resilience, and innovation within the Show movement.

- [Show Dedication](#) | prize money \$500 and \$200 per finalist
- [2023 Resilience Award](#) | prize money \$2,000 and \$500 per finalist
- [President's Innovation Award](#) | prize money \$2,000

To enter, click on the links above, complete the fillable nomination form and email: asc.admin@ascofnsw.org.au

Nominations close on **Friday 19 April 2024**.

The Awards will be presented at Celebrating AgShows NSW 2024 being held at the Dubbo RSL Memorial Club on 1 June 2024.

We are pleased to let members know we will be hosting another Celebrating AgShows conference in 2024.

The Venue: Dubbo Memorial RSL

The Dates: - 31 May and 1-2 June 2024.

Next Gen Drinks – Friday 31 May 2024 (evening)

Celebrating AgShows - Saturday 1 June 2024 (all day)

ASC of NSW AGM – Saturday 1 June 2024 (late afternoon)

Awards & Gala Dinner - Saturday 1 June 2024 (evening)

We encourage you to book your accommodation early as there are several events on in Dubbo over that weekend.

Tickets will be on sale soon. Keep an eye on [our Facebook page](#) for updates.



Celebrating AgShows

1 June 2024 • Dubbo

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Suggested Wording for Show Schedules

PESTIVIRUS (BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHOEA VIRUS)

- Cattle must not be exhibited unless tested for Pestivirus and certified as non-Persistently Infected (PI) cattle.
- Certification of testing and proof of non-PI status will be required at the time of Entry in the form of a signed Veterinary Certificate or Laboratory Report, listing animals and their identification. The Cattle Section will verify testing results.
- A National Cattle Health Declaration must be completed for all cattle attending your show. A copy of the declaration is available on the website [or via this link](#).
- This form also confirms, among other things, Pestivirus Vaccination.

Young Woman Competition Guidelines and Forms

<https://www.agshowsnsw.org.au/competitions/youngwoman>

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President's Post

The year started well with the commencement of CEO Brooke Beales in mid-January. Brooke has fitted in well with the team and brings considerable experience with member-based organisations. It has been a busy six weeks since she started which has included her making time to visit the Moruya and Nowra Shows and to attend the Zone 2 Young Woman Final in Penrith.

Think Tank, hosted by the Showmen's Guild, was held in early in January and it was good to catch up with some Shows from the top end of NSW. Members from Queensland Ag Shows delivered an interesting program with our very own Nicky Seeto presenting on social media which was very well received. We look forward to meeting with the Showmen's Guild at the Sydney Royal Easter Show (SRES) on Friday 22 March.

Following Think Tank, the 2024 AgShows Wheat Dinner was held in Dubbo. The dinner celebrated twenty-five years of the competition and remembered the contribution of the late Tom Dwyer. Congratulations to Rob & Mandy Taylor from Grenfell who were announced the State winner of the Dryland Field Wheat competition. Mickan Bros from Walbundrie received the TJ Dwyer Farming Excellence Award. Thanks also to all our sponsors for their continued support.

The seven Zone Finals of The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman competition have been held over three weekends in February. Our thanks to Zone hosts Grafton, Penrith, Adelong, Tamworth, Lithgow, Narromine and Temora Show Societies all of which delivered excellent events. Appreciation to all the judges who were tasked with the difficult decision of selecting finalists from such a high-quality list of entrants. Almost 100 hundred young women participated in the Zone Finals with fifteen young women headed to the SRES as State finalists. AgShows NSW is hosting a dinner for the finalists on Wednesday 20 March with the announcement held at the Sydney Showground Amphitheatre on Sunday 24 March. I hope to see many of you there in support.

The Young Judges and Paraders from across NSW will be competing at the SRES with many of the AgShows NSW Directors supporting the program as stewards. The State winners will attend the National Finals in Melbourne later in the year. The judging of the RAS/AgShows NSW Sheep Fleece Country Show Champions class, the RAS/AgShows NSW Wool Article Garment and the RAS/AgShows NSW Rich Fruit Cake will also be judged at the SRES.

Following the success of the Celebrating Ag Shows 2023, we will return to Dubbo on the 31 May and 1 June 2024 to hold another excellent event under the theme – Educate, Motivate & Celebrate. The format will be the same as in 2023 with AgShows NSW Next Gen hosting the welcome drinks on Friday night, a great conference program over the course of the Saturday followed by our AGM and the Gala Dinner with the presentation of our annual AgShows NSW Awards. The Board has determined to continue to hold this annual event for members, and we are looking to put the 2025 event on in Armidale.

The Crown Lands Management Act 2016 is undergoing a 5-year statutory review. With most Shows being conducted on Crown Lands it is important that we use this opportunity to voice our concerns about the recognition of Showgrounds and the historic use by shows and their ongoing tenure. Advocacy expert company, Sefton's, has been engaged to help AgShows NSW formulate a submission to the review and support members who choose to provide their own submission. Submissions close at 11:59pm on 19 March. We encourage Shows to make their own submissions and complete our [online survey](#) to help us understand your current challenges with the Crown land Act.

Wishing all Shows fine weather and good crowds.



Thank you to the sponsors of the Wheat Competition



2023 Results ASC Dryland and Field Wheat & Durum Wheat Competition

NSW State Dryland Field Wheat Champion

Hazeldene Pastoral Co. - Grenfell

TJ Dwyer Excellence Award

Mickan Bros

NSW State Durum Wheat Champion

Lambrook Pastoral Co. – Gunnedah

Northern		<u>Yield</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Paraway Pastoral Co - Narromine	6.6t/ha	204
2nd	R & N Price - Wialda	6.0t/ha	189
3rd	Hassall & Co - Gilgandra	5.0t/ha	171
Western			
1st	S & R Dalton – Hillston	6.5t/ha	200
2nd	GL & EJ Lane - Lockhart	6.2t/ha	195
3rd	Nick & Ian Westcott – Peak Hill	5.1t/ha	174
Central			
1st	Hazeldene Pastoral Co. - Grenfell	7.6t/ha	226
2nd	Romani Pastoral Co - Quirindi	7.2t/ha	214
3rd	Illinois Farms Pty Ltd - Cowra	7.0t/ha	212
Southern			
1st	Mickan Bros - Walbundrie	7.4t/ha	222
2nd	Manton Pastoral - Young	7.8t/ha	221
3rd	Baldry & Sons - Wallendbeen	7.2t/ha	217

Durum		<u>Yield</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1st	Lambrook Pastoral Co – Gunnedah	6.5t/ha	189
2nd	Scott & Amanda Doyle – Duri	5.05t/ha	170
3rd	Namoi Pty Ltd	4.8t/ha	162



Results AgShows NSW Dryland and Field Wheat & Durum Wheat Competition

Friday 12 January 2024, AgShows NSW/Suncorp Dryland Field Wheat Presentation dinner was held at Club Dubbo. We celebrated 25yrs of the wheat competition and acknowledged several people who were instrumental in the development of the AgShows NSW competition.

A portion of the evening was dedicated to celebrating the life of Tom Dwyer and the enormous impact he had on the Wheat Competition. His nephew Tom Dywer joined us for the evening and provided an insight into Tom's life which was fascinating. Paul Parker, AgShows Wheat Judge for 18 years gave a lovely tribute to Tom relaying several memories of their time on the road for regional wheat judging together.

AgShows NSW was delighted to welcome for a third year, Minister Dugald Saunders Leader of the NSW Nationals & Member for the Dubbo Electorate to give the opening address and present both the State Field Wheat, State Durum Wheat, and TJ Dwyer Farming Excellence Award.

The evening was a wonderful celebration of cropping excellence where growers could network, benchmark, and learn from one another.

State Dryland Field Wheat - R & M Taylor – Grenfell

State Durum Field Wheat - Lambrook Pastoral Co – Gunnedah

TJ Dwyer Farming Excellence Award - Mickan Bros – Walbundrie

Our thanks to our sponsors who continue to support this important competition. Suncorp have been our partnering sponsor for ten years now and we look forward to many more years working alongside them. Our appreciation also goes to Flexi-Coil, Dual Chelate, The Land & Lowes Petroleum who are wonderful sponsors and supporters of the event.



The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Zone 5 Final

Tamworth Show Society hosted the Zone 4 final at the West Leagues Club. A wonderful night was organised by Janelle Tongue, Candice Parry, Heidi Williamson, and Domonique Wyse.

Sophie Wood interviewed each of the entrants throughout the night and was a wonderful addition to the evening.

The Judges were: Jill Chapman; Denis Howard and Effie Ferguson. AgShows NSW Vice President Kelso Looker announced the winners.

Congratulations to the following 15 finalists who represented their show societies.

Dorrigo	Nikia	Nolan
Walcha	Emily	Scrivener
Glen Innes	Jessica	Trow
Armidale	Katie	Williams
Guyra	Alice	Stanley
Quirindi	Sarah	Caslick
Barraba	Maddison	Taylor
Inverell	Phebe	Turner
Moree	Brooke	Muller
Gunnedah	Elly	Byriell
Wee Waa	Montana	Winter
Warialda	Laura	Lockhart
Tamworth	Hannah	Russell
Narrabri	Millicent	Bruce
Walgett	Emily	Barton



The two finalists chosen to represent the Castlereagh and Hunter Group of Shows at the State Finals in a few weeks were

Emily Barton – Walgett Show Society

Katie Williams – Armidale Show Society



NSW Chainsaw Racing Rules - Competition Regulations

All racing events scheduled up to and including 30 June 2024, shall operate under the AgShows NSW Chainsaw Racing Competition rules updated September 2023.

- [Chainsaw Racing Rules and Regulations - updated September 2023](#)

All racing events occurring after 30 June 2024, will be governed by the AgShows NSW Chainsaw Racing Competition Rules updated November 2023.

- [Chainsaw Racing Rules and Regulations - updated November 2023](#)

This decision has been made to ensure a smooth transition between rule sets and to uphold the integrity and safety of our chainsaw racing events.

Insurance Declarations

Insurance declarations have been sent to all Shows – it's important to complete the declaration and return it to AgShows NSW by **15 March 2024**.

Important Insurance Reminder

Make sure all your Show activities are covered!

Before holding your Show, it is critical to ensure that all the activities you intend to hold are covered by insurance, otherwise your activity may not be covered, and your Show Society is at risk of being held liable if negligence occurs.

To check if you're covered, you need to check your intended activities against the [2023-2024 Activities List](#). This list is your "Insurance Bible" when it comes to your insurers' response in relation to your events/activity program.

Activities remain categorised as follows:

CATEGORY A - These Activities are automatically insured by the underwriter/insurer when run by the Show Society or another entity for no fee.

CATEGORY B - The insurer assumes these Activities are being run by a Third Party who have their own insurance (with a copy sighted of their certificate of currency). Please note certain activities require the Show Society to be noted as an interested party on the third party's insurance certificate. If the Show Society is running these Activities without a third party, you must email AgShows NSW asc.admin@ascofnsw.org.au to seek confirmation from the underwriter/insurer that they will cover the activity.

CATEGORY C - These activities are uninsured.

CATEGORY D - These activities are subject to

- Competition Peak Body Rules and Regulations or
- INSURER APPROVED Rules & Regulations or
- An insured Third Party run the Event.

Numerous activities and competitions are subject to peak body or Insurer approved rules and regulations. It is important that you comply with these Rules and Regulations as non-compliance or deviation from approved rules and regulations means your event may not be insured. This means that your Show Society would be liable if negligence occurs.

Please note "Stockman's Challenge Competitions/Training" and "Young Farmers' Challenge" will require insurer's prior approval, with provision of a list of activities submitted.

What do you if your activities do not appear on the Activity List, or you are unsure if you're covered?

Please seek confirmation from the underwriter/insurer that they will cover the Activity by emailing asc.admin@ascofnsw.org.au. Unless this activity is approved, it will not be insured.

Failure to seek confirmation of coverage where required (see explanations above) may result in your Activities not being covered by insurance.

Got a query about Insurance? Insurance Update July 2023

The [2023 Insurance Update](#) was published in July and is available on the AgShows NSW website in the Members Section. This is a comprehensive document that addresses most aspects of Insurance. Keep this handy on your computer and if you have any queries, use "Control F" to search the information on the topic you require.

Member Login

To access the Members Section of the website you need to log in. To log in you may need to change your password. If this is unsuccessful, please contact a member of staff at AgShows NSW to assist.

Insurance Program 2024/2025

Members need to prepare for increased insurance costs. The latest forecast we have from our insurance broker is to expect increases in insurance costs across the following insurance categories:

- Public & Products Liability – 7.5-10%
- Industrial Special Risks – 5-10%
- Association Liability – 20-25%
- Voluntary Workers – 2-3%
- Goods in Transit – 0-2%

Once we have the insurance declarations in, PSC (our brokers) will be able to negotiate the best and most affordable outcome which protects our Shows, the Show Society Executive and Volunteers, our property, livestock, and the public.

AgShows NSW invests resources and professional service fees to ensure the

State-wide insurance program offered to members offers the highest levels of protection and assurance at the best price. We have been subsidising the insurance program for many years, covering all brokerage and administration fees as well as subsidising Associations Liability premiums. Over time, this subsidy has become considerable.

After careful consideration by the Board, the full cost of Association's Liability insurance will be passed onto Shows as well as a share of brokerage costs. AgShows NSW will still offer subsidies to cover Group insurance and to ensure Payment plans will still be available to members by contacting the office.

AgShows NSW Insurance Program

- The comprehensive State-wide insurance program established for Shows around NSW is pivotal in safeguarding assets, property, vehicles, and people.
- Harnessing the group buying power around NSW enables all Shows to save on resources, insurance broking fees and premium fees across a variety of categories.
- AgShows NSW will continue to invest money and resources to ensure the insurance program offered to members offers the highest levels of protection and assurance at the best price.

Vale Cliff and Pat Schofield

Sadly, in January we farewelled two stalwarts of the Bellinger River Agricultural Society (BRAS), Cliff and Pat Schofield. Cliff and Pat were both actively involved with the Bellingen Show for many years until health issues intervened about 10 years ago. Cliff was president of BRAS for 14 years and Pat's last job with the Bellingen Show was Chief Cattle Steward. Cliff died on 18 December and Pat on 2 January. They had a combined funeral at Gleniffer on 6 January, which was very fitting for such a loving couple. They will be sadly missed.



Qualified Land Cookery Judges 2024 Cakes and Preserves

There is a list of qualified Land Cookery judges that are available to judge at our Show and are willing to travel.

<https://www.agshowsnsw.org.au/resources/secretary-info>

AgShows NSW and Showmen's Guild Meeting

Friday 22 March 2024 - 10am-11am - RAS
Boardroom, Level 2 of the Administration Building
1 Showground Rd Sydney Olympic Park. Members can [RSVP here](#).

The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Zone 3 Final



Rebecca	Dean	Adelong
Georgie	Long	Braidwood
Georgia	Kinnane	Bungendore
Sophie	Heffernan	Candelo
Ella	Cowgill	Cobargo
Emily	Rowson	Cooma
Madeline	Nickson	Eurobodalla
Holly	Kay	Goulburn
Elysia	Mackay	Gunning
Emily	Blyton	Nimmitabel
Ebony	Pasfield	Queanbeyan
Grace	Armour	Yass



Adelong Show Society hosted the Zone 3 Young Woman Final of The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Competition at on Saturday 3 February 2024.



Congratulations to each of the 11 outstanding Zone 3 Young Woman Finalists. Sophie Heffernan from Candelo and Emily Rowson from Cooma will be heading to the Sydney Royal Easter Show to represent their Show Societies and Zone 3. Both Young Women were the recipients of a beautiful set of pearls supplied by a sponsor PSC Insurance and a voucher from Birdsnest. We wish both Sophie and Emily every success at Sydney.

A huge thanks to the following people who assisted at the function.

Master of Ceremonies – Emma Peacock

2023 The Land, Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman – Florance McGufficke

The Judges – Stephen Hatty, Director AgShows NSW, Hayley Warden, The Land, and Stephanie Clancy, 2022 The Land, Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman

Announcement of winners – Jill Chapman, President AgShows NSW

Also, a special thanks to the Event Committee, headed up by Jo Salmon, for organising such a wonderful event on behalf of Adelong Show Society.

Review of the Crown Land Management Act 2016

AgShows NSW will be making a submission to the NSW Government on behalf of all Shows operating on Crown land. We have engaged Seftons to work on the submission due to their extensive work on the topic in 2018 and understanding of Agricultural Shows.

To ensure the information we include in our submission is up to date we are asking members [to complete a survey and provide input on your Showgrounds](#), your relationship with your Land Managers, and any current issues you are facing. Please take the time to complete the survey we send out to ensure our advocacy efforts are well-informed, credible, and effective in driving positive change for Shows. [Click here](#) to start the survey.

AgShows NSW strongly encourages all Shows operating on Crown land to make their own submission to the NSW Government to collectively strengthen our position. We will be holding a webinar on **Tuesday 5 March at 5pm** to help Shows understand the importance of the current review and include some tips to help create an impactful submission. [Register here](#).

For the NSW Government's information on the review – [click on this link](#)

The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Zone 7 Final



Temora Show Society was pleased to welcome special guests, judges, thirteen young women, their families, friends, sponsors, and supporters of The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Zone 7 Final on Saturday 17 February.

The young woman entrants were judged during the day through an interview and luncheon. The evening presentation was held at Temora Ex-Services Memorial Club. Congratulations to Rebecca Dean, Sophie Heinjus, Emily Buerckner, Jayda Stanton, Grace Daunt, Emily Potter, Olivia Hodgkin, Savera Tanuvasa, Zoe Cumming, Emma Johnston, Jennifer Maher, Adele Thompson, and Kasey Miller on representing your Show Societies proudly.

Congratulations to Emma Johnston (Hay) and Olivia Hodgkin (June) who will be representing Zone 7 at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in March. Emma, a creative young woman is an original member of the Hay Youth Task Force. Emma enjoys volunteering and is passionate about educating and inspiring the next generation to always continue learning and striving to be the best versions of themselves. Olivia has completed a Cert IV in Veterinary Nursing, Bach. of Veterinary Technology and is currently studying a dual Bach. of Veterinary Biology with Veterinary Science. Olivia is very involved in her community and wants to be a role model for the younger community members.

Thanks to the sponsors PSC Insurance Brokers who gave Emma and Olivia a strand of pearls, Birdsnest for the winners' vouchers, RAS, The Land, Bendigo Bank and Collins Truck Repairs Temora.

Thank you also to special guests Stephanie Cook MP, Member for Cootamundra, Mayor Rick Firman OAM and Beth Firman, Jessica Towns, The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Runner Up 2023, Jill Chapman, AgShows NSW President, Temora Show Society President, Narelle Pellow and David Pratt, Andrew Hall, MC, Zoi O'Neil, Group 9 Delegate Next Gen, Veronica Cudmore, AgShows NSW Director. And to all 140 guests your support of the young women and this event is much appreciated.

The 2024 Big Bush BBQ Schedule

Day	Show Society
Friday, 22 March 2024	Morisset Lake Macquarie Show
Saturday, 23 March 2024	Gresford District Agricultural Show
Sunday, 24 March 2024	Stroud Show
Monday, 25 March 2024	Robertson Show Society
Tuesday, 26 March 2024	Berry Show Society
Wednesday, 27 March 2024	Eurobodalla District Show Society
Thursday, 28 March 2024	Bulahdelah Show Society
Friday, 29 March 2024	Singleton Northern Agricultural Association
Saturday, 30 March 2024	Cootamundra Show
Sunday, 31 March 2024	Dungog Show
Monday, 1 April 2024	Milton Show Society
Tuesday, 2 April 2024	Nowra Show Society



If you are at the Easter Show this year, make sure you grab a sausage sizzle and support the hosting Show.

The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Zone 5 Final

Lithgow Show Society hosted the Zone 5 final at Lithgow Workies club. A wonderful night was organised by Lauren Elkins and the Show Society committee.

David Peters, Lithgow Show President provided a wonderful history of the Lithgow area, with the decorations for the evening celebrating all things Lithgow. The name holders were even made from a piece coal with each place setting having a unique photo of somewhere in the Lithgow area. The attention to detail was noticed.

Each of the young women were given an array of gifts celebrating the local area, including a small tree which the seed was harvested locally from a volunteer-based nursery.

Minister Paul Toole, along with Lithgow Council Mayor, Councilor Maree Statham and General Manager Craig Butler were in attendance.

Thank you to the panel of judges – Corrine Whiteman, Tanja Branson, and Stephanie Ferguson.

Congratulations to the following 15 finalists who represented their show societies with grace and professionalism.

Singleton	Elinor	Bowman
Upper Hunter	Chanelle	Wilson
Stroud	Taylah	Boyle
Bulahdelah	Madison	Dixon
Maitland	Kate	Manell
Morisset	Jamie-Lee	Hawkins
Gulgong	Alana	Wade
Mendooran	Abygael	Rushton-Butler
Baradine	Zalia	Curtis
Oberon	Felicity	Webb
Lithgow	Victoria	Clutterham
Coonabarabran	Madisen	McGill
Mudgee	Ninoska	Birchall
Rydal	Grace	Hadley
Binnaway	Emily	King



The two finalists chosen to represent Zone 5 at the Sydney Royal Easter Show are

Elinor Bowman – Singleton Show Society

Alana Wade – Gulgong Show Society

This will be the first representation from Gulgong at the State Finals in 27 years.

The caliber of entrants was phenomenal, and each Show Society should be congratulated on having such wonderful ambassadors in their communities.



Demolition Derby

The current Demolition Derby Rules need to be revised/updated. AgShows will review and provide a draft copy to our members for a membership feedback phase. The new rules will be distributed and posted on our website at the conclusion of this phase and following insurer approval.



Show Safety Officer Position Description

Reports to: Show Secretary

Financial delegation: Nil

Key Accountabilities:

- * Support the development of “Name” Show’s WHS policies and programs
- * Ensure Annual show’s risk management plan is updated and provide to the Show Secretary one month prior to show dates
- * Advise and instruct the Show committee via the Show secretary on various safety-related topics (noise levels, use of machinery etc.)
- * Conduct risk assessment and advise on preventative measures
- * Review existing policies and measures and update according to legislation
- * Initiate and organise WHS training of employees and executives where required
- * Inspect show ground and the work of personnel to identify issues or non-conformity (e.g. not using protective equipment)
- * Oversee installations, maintenance, disposal of substances etc
- * Liaise with Showmen's Guild WHS Office
- * Liaise with any special attraction exhibitors for main show ring e.g. fireworks, Car/ motorcycle demonstration for special safety precautions
- * Regular walk-throughs of all show areas and sideshow alleys
- * Stop any unsafe acts or processes that seem dangerous or unhealthy
- * Record and investigate incidents to determine causes and handle worker's compensation claims
- * Prepare reports on occurrences and provide statistical information to Show secretary

Physical Aspects of Safety Officer:

Physical aspects of the position include but are not limited to the following:

- * Constant standing and walking throughout shift
- * Frequent lifting and carrying up to 10 kg's.
- * Occasional kneeling, pushing, pulling, lifting
- * Occasional ascending or descending ladders, stairs, and ramps



2024 Showmen’s Guild Member Gate Pass sample for Shows



2024 Membership Fees

AgShows NSW has always endeavoured to keep fees affordable while delivering a wide range of benefits, programs, and services. However, after careful consideration, a small increase to our membership fees is necessary this year to ensure the long-term sustainability of AgShows NSW.

This adjustment will enable us to continue to provide the personalised service we offer, enhance member benefits, support innovation, and use technology to enhance member communications. Minimum fee \$100, Maximum \$3,000 and gate takings increase 1% (was 3% now 4%).



The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Zone 6 Final

Saturday 10th February Narromine Show Society hosted the Zone 6 Final. Well done Sarah and Sara for a wonderful event. The three judges, Jody Nelson-Gleeson, Phil Lemieux, and Samantha Townsend had their work cut out judging eighteen young women.

Congratulations to all the Zone Finalists. Tasha Hurley (Condobolin), Katie Powell (Narromine), Charlica Schnitger (Peak Hill), Lydia Lovell (Parkes), Matilda Jones (Young), Jemma Pokoney (Cowra), Bridget Baker (Grenfell), Grace Kemp (Murrumburrah Harden), Elise Dukes (Forbes), Megan Walton (Bathurst), Emma Hutchinson (Gilgandra), Madeline Strudwick (Coonamble), Eliza Whiteley (Wellington), Savannah Dimmock (Dubbo), Charlotte McGrory (Bourke), Paris Capell (Orange), Tess Chester (Canowindra) and Sarah Blake (Molong).



Representing Zone 6 at the 2024 Easter Show is Eliza Whiteley, Charlotte McGrory, and Paris Capell. Eliza is working as an optometrist and is passionate about supporting quality and accessible optometric care for patients living in rural and regional NSW. Charlotte is a primary school teacher whose ambition is to support indigenous and rural students to achieve greater academic and social outcomes. She founded Bourke Physical Culture Club, providing a positive afterschool activity that promotes confidence and friendship, she hopes to continue its growth to promote the creative arts to all the children of Bourke. Paris is a Project Officer in Climate Vulnerability Assessment with the NSW DPI. Her professional goal is to continue to provide research and extension in agricultural industries.

Thank you to Sarah and Sara for your passion, dedication, and hard work to ensure such an enjoyable Zone Final. You should be proud as Narromine has never hosted a Zone Final until now. Your attention to detail was appreciated. Friday night Barefoot Bowls was most enjoyable as was the Saturday Farm Tour you organized.

Special thanks to the three Judges – Jody Nelson-Gleeson, Phil Lemieux (who provided Charlotte, Eliza, and Paris with a beautiful strand of pearls) and Sam Townsend from The Land. What a big day you had. There was an address by Dugald Saunders, Member for Dubbo, Florance McGufficke 2023 Young Woman and Keiley Noble, 2023 Rural Achiever. Guests were entertained playing a game of heads and tails



Be Vigilant - Cyber Crime is on the Rise!

In the last 12 months our members have lost over \$50,000 to scammers. Recent claims on Cyber Crime will dramatically affect our Insurance Premiums for the 2024-2025 Insurance year.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT

- 1) When paying ALL invoices, it is imperative that you contact your supplier and confirm their invoice details and bank details BEFORE you pay every invoice. Use contact details on the website or other means, not the contact details on the invoice.
- 2) When receiving unsolicited phone calls seeking information about your bank account, please hang up and contact your bank directly.

Cyber Security Checklist

Ten tips from your Insurance Broker on how to reduce cyber threats/risk

Adhering to a Cyber Security Policy is crucial to protecting all shows from cyber phishing risks and to safeguard company funds. The prevalence of cyber-attacks is on the rise and extra diligence is now required.

Here are 10 easy points to help protect show's financial assets in today's cyber risk environment.

1. Verify the Caller's Identity:

If inbound calls are unsolicited, ask for the caller's name, organization, and contact information. However, keep in mind that scammers can provide fake information.

2. Do Not Share Personal or Show Information:

Avoid sharing personal or financial information over the phone or email, especially if you did not initiate the call or email. Legitimate organizations will not ask for sensitive information such as passwords or Social Security numbers over the phone.

3. Hang Up:

If you are unsure about the call, it's okay to hang up. You can also delete the email. You can then independently verify the author's / caller's identity through official channels.

4. Call the Official Number:

Use official contact information obtained from the organization's official website or other reliable sources to call them back. Do not use the phone number provided by the caller.

5. Secure Financial Transactions:

Please establish a strict verification process for any changes to payment details or financial transactions. Where appropriate, use secure and encrypted payment gateways for all financial transactions.

6. Never click on any links in unsolicited or unknown emails:

Always enquire with the official organisation about the legitimacy of their enquiry. Right mouse click on the author's email to reveal the originating email address (if hidden) and see if it is from the official company email address. Often threat actors disguise the originating email address to avoid suspicion.

7. Show Volunteer / Employee Training and Awareness:

Conduct regular training sessions for relevant volunteers / employees to educate them on phishing risks. Raise awareness about the latest phishing techniques and tactics. Test knowledge where appropriate to ensure they can identify and report suspicious emails.

8. Use Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA):

Implement MFA for all systems and applications where appropriate, especially those related to financial transactions. Ensure that relevant volunteers/employees use strong, unique passwords in conjunction with MFA.

9. Email Filtering and Authentication:

Employ advanced email filtering systems to detect and block phishing emails. Implement email authentication protocols such as DMARC (Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting, and Conformance) to prevent email spoofing.

10. Regular Software Updates and Patching:

Ensure that all software, including operating systems, antivirus, and anti-malware solutions, are regularly updated with the latest security patches.



The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Zone 1

Clarence River Pastoral & Agricultural Society Ltd (Grafton) hosted the Zone 1 Young Woman Final of The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Competition at on Saturday 17 February 2024.

Congratulations to each of the 11 outstanding Zone 3 Young Women Finalists. Maneesha Davis, Reny Dooley, Olivia O'Rielly, Danielle Manthie, Brielle Ayres, Tayla Dawson, Lucy Sidney, Lilly Munce, Jessica Kernahan, Domonique Wyse, and Simone Ducker.

Domonique Wyse from Taree and Simone Ducker from Wauchope will be heading to the Sydney Royal Easter Show to represent their Show Societies and Zone 1. Both Young Women were the recipients of a strand of pearls from PSC Insurance and a voucher from Birdsnest. We wish both Domonique and Simone every success at Sydney Show next month.

Rex Green, the President of the Clarence River Pastoral & Agricultural Society Ltd (Grafton) welcomed guests and zone representatives alike.

A huge thanks to the following people who assisted at the function:

Master of Ceremonies – Ray Donovan

Interviewer of the Young Women Mr Richie Williamson, State Member for Clarence

2023 The Land, Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman – Florance McGufficke

The Judges – Jody Nelson Gleeson, Director AgShows NSW, Mick Gee, The Land, and Ellie O'Hara, Queensland Showgirl Awards Coordinator.

Announcement of winners – Jody Nelson Gleeson, Vice President AgShows NSW

Also, a special thanks to the Event Committee, headed up by Hayley Barnard, for organising such a wonderful event on behalf of Grafton Show Society.



The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Zone 2

Congratulations to Jillian Burgess (Hawkesbury District) and Stephanie Hennings (Camden Show Society) from Zone 2 who will be going to Sydney Royal. Excitedly for Camden this is the second year in a row that they have had a young woman in the State Finals. It was a wonderful evening with an outstanding group of young women who represented their Shows confidently and proudly. Well done to the eleven young women representing Hawkesbury, Penrith, Luddenham, Milton, Camden, Kiama, Berry, Albion Park, Nowra, Castle Hill and Dapto Show Societies.

Well done to Penrith Show Society on a wonderful event.



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