

SHOW TIMES



Please distribute to all Committee Members and Chief Stewards

The ASC State Conference – Saturday June 19, 2021



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NLIS Movements

It is easier for the DPI to load NLIS movements to and from Shows if the information is typed in an Excel spreadsheet. Please no handwritten or PDF documents.

Exemption from holding an Agricultural Show or all the usual sections in 2021

The Agricultural Societies Council of New South Wales Ltd will allow members an exemption up until 31 December 2021, if due to COVID-19, they do not conduct an annual agricultural show or conduct an annual agricultural show with less than the required five different types of sections (including a horse section and a pavilion of Arts and Crafts).

\$200 for COVID supplies

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

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President's Post from the desk of Tim Capp

Once again many of our NSW shows are having to cancel due to the Covid-19 outbreak and subsequent lockdown restrictions. To keep these iconic events at the forefront of people's mind we are again launching the 2021 No Show Scarecrow for the month of October.

During October, the ASC would like all Shows across NSW to display a No-Show Scarecrow once again in a prominent site in their community as an acknowledgement of the unfortunate cancellations of many shows in 2021, and a sign of solidarity for the network of shows across the country. To be part of No-Show Scarecrow go to the [ASC website](#). We look forward to seeing across social media your scarecrows using the hashtag #noshowscarecrow and tagging @ascfnsw.

Recently the ASC Board decided to adopt the trading name AgShows NSW to clearly define who we are. Our aim is to roll out this new trading name by the end of the year when shows start again. We are also looking for a new logo that represents AgShows NSW and will be launching a logo competition within our show membership. Guidelines and parameters for the logo design will follow shortly so everyone can be involved in the creation of the new logo.

Since the last newsletter the ASC of NSW held their first ever hybrid State Conference at several regional locations, which was a great success. Our 2021 ASC Award winners for Excellence, Dedication, Resilience, and the President's Innovation Award were announced and presented at the conference. Further information and photos are included within the newsletter.

I am pleased to announce that ASC of NSW will be hosting both the 2021 and 2022 National Young Judges, Paraders and Rural Ambassador Award at Sydney Royal in 2022. Unfortunately, the 2021 Ekka was unable to proceed due to Covid-19 and as such the decision has been made to have two National Finals Championships at the one location. Rescheduling the event will allow recognition of the skills and expertise that these Young Judges and Rural Ambassadors possess along with countless opportunities in terms of development and networking.

The ASC of NSW is working towards running their 2021 Dryland Field Wheat competition to celebrate this year's crop production but are monitoring closely the current restrictions and will make a final decision in the coming months.

Finally, I would like to recognise and thank our staff member Sarah McGregor who has been with the ASC of NSW for 5 years. Sarah is responsible for producing the Date List Books and annual Journal. She also works hard behind the scenes keeping the day to day accounting up to date and is willing to take on new tasks as they arise. Sarah is a pleasure to work alongside, with a can-do attitude to her work.



Tim Capp
President



ASC State Conference Wrap Up by Kim England

The ASC State Conference started with an address from Shane Fitzsimmons, Head of Resilience NSW. It was thanks to our good working relationship with the NSW government that enabled us to have Shane participate. The relationship with NSW government was further fostered through COVID-19 working groups and regular Crown Lands meetings. The NSW government supported Ag shows by providing Ag show specific factsheets/safety plans and financially through infrastructure funding.

Lyndsey Douglas took us on a tour of the various locations participating. It was exciting connecting across nine locations. Marla Calico, IAFE President and CEO spoke about growing stronger together. Engage with your fellow Show Societies or join the closed Facebook group for NSW Ag shows to ask questions and share knowledge. This will help Ag shows grow stronger together.

Speaking of volunteers, our panel session on recruiting and engaging volunteers shared some insights of how you can potentially sustain and grow your volunteer base. Think broadly and possibly engage people who live further afield. It is important to use your networks such as the show community to encourage all to have a sense of belonging, purpose, and connection to your local AgShow. Remember to let others help, and it is free to say thank you or show appreciation to recognize someone's help. Encourage others in, to become involved in their local show and ultimately grow the volunteer base. Congratulations to the ASC Award winners, finalist, and nominees! Thanks to those who took the time to nominate someone. It is very much appreciated.

Working with children and having child safety front of mind is important today and looking into the future. AgShows are community orientated and need to look after their community. Apply for your working with children check or if you already have it, share the details with your local show secretary to sustain our reputation as a family friendly, child safe environment.

Stacey Copas shared rituals for resilience to help you adapt when needed to face challenges and turn obstacles into opportunities. Wing it when things do not go exactly to plan – no one will know except the organizer!

It was great to hear about the success of Sydney Royal from the Vice President of the RAS John Bennett, and other shows that have been able to operate in 2021. The panellists' offered suggestions to help you plan and run your Ag shows later in the year. Share your progress with other shows or reach out to shows that have run for help. Maybe consider how to organize the pavilion to allow COVID safe movement through, you never know it may even allow more patrons to be able to access to view the hard work on display. Use online ticketing to sell tickets in advance, help with cashflow leading up to your show, guarantee people will attend because they already have a ticket, capture information of where they are from or what age bracket, they are in to learn and grow your attendance. Try cashless payments reducing the amount of cash held and improve safety and security.

The conference theme was Adapt, Sustain, and Grow. Think about how your show can adapt as things change, what you would like to sustain and how you could grow?

The ASC is taking up the challenge.

Adapt - Can you believe we held a hybrid conference like this? The feedback you provided will help us adapt and grow the next one. We are working remotely and from an office, we continue to be able to service members during lockdowns. **Sustain** – the ASC will continue to keep our members updated. We are here to support NSW Ag shows and provide guidance. **Grow** – we are looking at ways we can expand our support services to members, it may include webinars or a YouTube channel or a mentor program. We would love to grow the Showgirl and Rural Achiever programs. We are working towards increased young judges' education to encourage participation by young people to become tomorrow's judges.

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Thanks for joining our 2021 State Conference either in one of the nine locations or virtually. For those at one of the locations we hoped you enjoyed lunch and the opportunity to share ideas/inspirations with your fellow show people and engage in the meetings in the afternoon if there was one at your location. If you joined us virtually share what you have learnt with your local show.

Take the opportunity to talk about your own challenges and how you have overcome them or how you might solve them. Reflect on the past 18 months, the impact on shows, communities, and individuals. Focus on the key important lessons learnt – the most important things like wellbeing, mental health, community connection and prioritise these.

Finally, a huge thank you to the speakers, panellists' and those who helped test our conference platform, hosted at the various locations, to Lyndsey Douglas for facilitating the panel sessions and overseeing the conference and to Sarah McGregor who took the lead on this hybrid conference project.



ASC Rich Fruit Cake Competition

Did you know the ASC of NSW will reimburse the prizemoney of \$25 if you include an [ASC Rich Fruit Cake Competition](#) into your show schedule?

After your show, the society can invoice ASC for the \$25 reimbursement.

To be eligible, the following [recipe and instructions](#) must be included in your schedule (no changes to the recipe and instructions).

There is a [ASC Rich Fruit Cake Handbook](#) to provide competition guidance at the local, zone and state level.

If you already hold this competition, please check your schedule to ensure the following is correct:

Name of the Competition – **ASC of NSW Rich Fruit Cake Competition**

1. Prizemoney is correct - **\$25 for 1st place**
2. Recipe is correct – [Click here](#)

thank you

Zac Convery

Thank you for your time as a Director of the ASC and Group 1 Delegate. Your support of the NSW country show movement is appreciated. We wish you all the best.



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Congratulations to the 2021 ASC Award Winners

The 2021 **Excellence Award** recognises a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the Show movement.

The Finalists were (L-R)

Lyall Wilkinson (West Wyalong)

Phillip Nankivell (Blayney)

Rose Jackson (Gulgong)



The recipient of the ASC Excellence Award was Phillip Nankivell.

The 2021 **Dedication Award** recognises a person who has shown exceptional dedication to their Show and Show Society.

The Finalists were (L-R)

Leonie Campbell (West Wyalong)

Wilma Drower (Blacktown)

Ross Matheson (Hawkesbury)

Peter Naylor (Orange)

Dale Webber (Walcha)



The recipient of the ASC Dedication Award was Ross Matheson.

The 2021 **President's Innovation Award** is for innovation by a Show Society Member of the Agricultural Societies Council of NSW Ltd (ASC). The innovation could be an event, an innovative campaign or advertising, advances in technology, procedural changes, intellectual concepts, and environmental practices that has taken the Show Society or many Show Societies to the next level.

The Finalists and joint winners were

Blayney Agricultural and Pastoral Association Inc

Mungindi Show Society



The 2020 **Resilience Award** recognises a Show who has shown resilience during COVID-19.

The Finalists were (L-R)

Woodstock

Goulburn

Finley

Armidale



The recipient of the ASC Resilience Award was Woodstock Memorial Show.

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Safework NSW – WHS Guide

SafeWork NSW has produced a guide to assist event organisers understand and meet their obligations under Work Health and Safety (WHS) laws when managing events. The guide was put together with feedback from industry participants including ASC. The guide delivers useful information and advice on planning, managing, and monitoring an event to ensure the health and safety of workers, volunteers, and the visiting public.

The guide can be accessed on SafeWork NSW’s website at <https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/arts-and-recreation-services-publications/guide-managing-work-health-and-safety-at-events>. The link is also located on ASC’s website under “Insurance and Safety” via <https://agshowsnsw.org.au/https://agshowsnsw.org.au/resources/general-info>

As events in NSW continue to be affected by COVID-19, please stay informed on current rules and guidelines by visiting <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/what-you-can-do-nsw>



RAS Big Bush BBQ

12 local Show Societies manned the Big Bush BBQ at the Easter Show this year and took home their share of over \$30,000.

Lithgow Show Society	Dapto Show Society
Gresford Show Society	Goulburn Show Society
Morisset Lake Macquarie Show Society	Parkes Show Society
Robertson Show Society	Tamworth Show Society
Orange Show Society	The Rock Show Society
Cowra Show Society	Singleton Show Society



Initially Sarah joined the ASC to project manage the Date List Book and Journal. Five years later she is still with us and is still responsible for producing the Date List Books and annual Journal. She also works hard behind the scenes keeping the day to day accounting up to date. Earlier this year Sarah led the project to bring the hybrid multilocation conference idea to fruition. The Office benefits from her being a great team player and her friendly smile and laugh. Congratulations on five years with the ASC Sarah!



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Volunteer and Stewards Handbook

An updated Volunteer and Stewards Handbook (July 2021) has been added to the ASC website.
<https://www.agshowsnsw.org.au/resources/asc-handbooks>

Showgirl 2022 Zone Finals

While it is disappointing to see shows cancelling due to the pandemic it may still be possible for Show Societies to hold a Showgirl Competition. Planning for the 2022 Zone Finals is well underway and it would be great to see as many shows represented as possible. A link to a short google form was sent in an email to all Shows to gather information for the 2022 Zone Finals. If you haven't already please take a minute to complete the form as it will help us assess how many showgirls we can expect at each Zone as this impacts how many Zone Finalists are awarded. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyafYVhuZrXBvCyfXunswSs-GCm1Xg6IHliq-Au0-oroHbcg/viewform>



Cancellations/Postponement of Horse Sections and additional Supplementary Events

If your Show Society cancels or changes the date of its show and/or holds a supplementary horse event, please contact the ASC office to ensure dates listings are correct and that RAS is aware of your competitors' qualification results.

Whiskers to Stay Put

The ASC is aware of the FEI ruling which came into place 1st July 2021 that prohibits the clipping/shaving of sensory hairs (horses' whiskers) which was passed as part of their veterinary regulations.

Many of our NSW Agricultural Shows run events within their horse programs which are either affiliated with Equestrian EA/Equestrian NSW or under their rules. The EA Board has voted to implement the recent FEI rule to ban the trimming of horse sensory hairs across all EA National Disciplines in the interests of horse welfare.

Vibrissae, or sensory hairs/whiskers, are the long stiff hairs growing on the chin, mouth and around the eyes and are used as organs of touch by the horse.

The FEI Veterinary Committee believes that the horse's sensory hairs (this does not include ears) must not be trimmed or removed as it reduces the horse's sensory ability...read more:

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/news/whiskers-stay-put>

Sydney Royal Horse Show 2022 Horse Section – Guidelines for Performance – Updated 21st July 2021

[Click here](#) for the Sydney Royal Horse Show 2022 Guidelines for Performance.

Please note that the Performance Period has been extended to include the last weekend in November (**Thursday 26 November 2020 - Tuesday 30 November 2021**).

The requirements have changed to 4 x Ag Show wins and 2 x Non-Ag Show wins.

Given the current circumstances, the RAS encourages all willing exhibitors to enter for 2022 and the Horse Committee will work to take all information into account in the fairest way they can offering acceptances of entry for the 2022 Show.

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Showmens' Guild (Discretionary Mutual Fund Proposal)

Insurance developments relating to Ride / Amusement Operators and their current challenges in obtaining adequate insurance

The ASC is aware many members have recently received an e-mail from the Showmen's Guild, Subject: Insurance DMF, ASBFEO and your Showground. After consultation with both your insurance broker PSC Insurance Brokers and your insurers, we wanted to clarify a few points to assist Show Societies in responding to this e-mail.

The e-mail received directly from the Guild, was requesting you to ask your Showground owners if they would accept protection offered under a Discretionary Mutual Fund (DMF), as opposed to traditional insurance for Ride Operators, operating on their land. **Members may choose to assist the Guild with their request by forwarding this query to your Land Manager or refer to your Executive Committee/Board for a Show Society that own their showground.**

The ASC is awaiting response from Crown Lands from a state-wide perspective on the minimum insurance requirements as many showgrounds are on Crown Land.

Members who own their showground can advise the Guild that they are currently waiting on ASC's advice prior to providing a response to the Guild's query.

Background:

Ride Operators / Guild are currently having difficulty in obtaining traditional insurance in the marketplace and are considering establishing their own Discretionary Mutual Fund (DMF) as an alternative risk transfer solution. DMF claims are paid solely at the "discretion" of the mutual. If there are insufficient funds, claims are not paid.

ASC is liaising with the Guild and are keen to understand

- how the DMF will be sufficiently funded to ensure it can meet its future claims obligations;
- what certificate of protection will be provided;
- who the reinsurer will be and at what limit will reinsurance cover a claim (reinsurance is a usual feature of a DMF for large claims or 1 in ten-year events)?

ASC's insurance programme continues to provide the necessary cover for agricultural shows to operate their events. The ASC public liability insurance has a \$50M limit. Currently, the minimum insurance cover required is \$20M for public liability for suppliers/trade space/ride operators (any business operating at your event). Any deviation from this amount requires insurer approval.

Showmen's Guild (Discretionary Mutual Fund Proposal) continued

Apart from checking third party insurance certificates, members are also advised to maintain robust risk management practises such as:

- Checking a current engineer's report signing off the ride as safe. The serial number on the report should be cross referenced against the serial number on the ride equipment;
- Evidence of the ride operator's safety checks;
- Checking the ride operator's incident history.

Amusement rides and sideshow alleys are defined as a Category B activity under your Liability insurance programme, meaning the Show Society is covered for indirect negligence, subject to the activity being run by a third-party providing proof of **Insurance**.

If there are any queries, please contact Jasmine Neoh at asc.admin@ascfnsw.org.au

More information on DMF's can be found here [Insurance alternatives \(Part 4: Discretionary mutuals\)](#)

Rodeo Insurance Updated Guidelines

Updated guidelines for insurance for Rodeos at member events including those that are run by an insured contractor, a Show Society, or a combination of both the Show Society and a Third Party/Contractor have been emailed out to all Members and is available in the Members section under "Rodeo Competitions" on the ASC website.

https://agshowsnsw.org.au/files/ASC_Rodeo_Insurance_Guidelines_August_2021.pdf



Insurance Activities List Update

The following activities have been added to the Activities List:

Category A:

Dog Training

Flower Displays – Competition and Judging

Category D:

Horse and Carriage/Harness Display Competition - Turnout Classes



The Activities List is available on ASC's website in "Insurance Documents" under the members section

[Click here](#)

Ancillary Events

Please advise the ASC of NSW office of any ancillary events planned between 31st May 2021 and 31st May 2022. This information has been requested by your insurer. Details can be emailed to asc.admin@ascfnsw.org.au

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ASC Showgirl Seminar for Zone Coordinators

The annual ASC Showgirl seminar for 2022 and 2023 Zone Final hosts was held via Zoom on July 27 due to the COVID-19 situation. There were 20 participants, and all were engaged, some Show Societies having two or three people in attendance. A closed Facebook has been set up for the 2022 and 2023 Zone Final hosts. Another Zoom meeting will be scheduled later.



2022 Zone Finals

- Zone 1 (Groups 1 & 2) – Hosted by Lismore Show Society on the 12th February 2022
- Zone 2 (Groups 4 & 5) – Hosted by Milton Show Society on the 19th February 2022
- Zone 3 (Groups 6 & 7) – Hosted by Cooma Show Society on the 26th February 2022
- Zone 4 (Groups 13 & 14) – Hosted by Wee Waa Show Society on the 19th February 2022
- Zone 5 (Groups 3 & 12) – Hosted by Gulgong Show Society on the 22nd January 2022
- Zone 6 (Groups 10 & 11) – Hosted by Condobolin Show Society on the 5th March 2022
- Zone 7 (Groups 8 & 9) – Hosted by Ungarie Show Society on the 26th February 2022



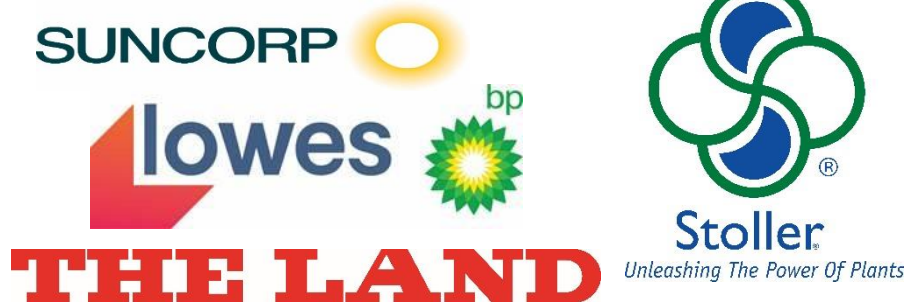
2021 ASC Wheat Competition

Northern – 20th October 2021

Western – 3rd November 2021

Central – 10th November 2021

Southern – 17th November 2021



We are planning for the 2021 Dryland Wheat Competition to go ahead pending the lifting of the current lockdown restrictions. We will continue to refer to NSW Health website and contacts for current guidelines and adhere to any restrictions in place.

We will communicate with the Wheat Coordinators in due course about whether the competition is able to proceed. For further information on the Wheat Competition, please contact Katie Stanley katie.stanley@ascofnsw.org.au

Thank you to Suncorp, The Land, Stoller Australia and Lowes Petroleum for their continued support of the Dryland Field Wheat Competition.

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No Show Scarecrow

After widespread show cancellations last year, this year it was predicted that shows would be back and bigger than ever but unfortunately many of them have once again had to cancel.

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We are looking forward to seeing lots of scarecrows on Facebook. To be a part of No-Show Scarecrow go to the [ASC website](https://www.asc.org.au). #noshowscarecrow @ascfnsw



NO SHOW SCARECROW

We were lucky to hold our Show in 2021 but some of our fellow NSW Shows were unable to run. As a sign of solidarity for those Shows, meet our #noshowscarecrow @ASCofNSW

NO SHOW SCARECROW

A visual reminder throughout the month of October that although the 2021 Show has been cancelled the Show spirit is alive and well.

#noshowscarecrow @ASCofNSW

NO SHOW SCARECROW

A VISUAL REMINDER THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF OCTOBER THAT ALTHOUGH THE 2021 AGRICULTURAL SHOW WAS CANCELLED, SHOWS WILL GO ON.

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Has your Show Society taken advantage of recognising the significant contribution that someone has made to your Show Society by applying for a RAS of NSW Agricultural Shows Award?

The RAS of NSW Agricultural Shows Award medal is available to each Show Society within NSW. The RAS of NSW will review and approve all applications and cover all the costs associated with producing and posting out the medals to every NSW Show Society that nominates a worthy recipient for this award. The RAS of NSW values and recognises the contribution regional Agricultural Shows have made, not only to Australian Agriculture but also to their local communities and this is another way for us to celebrate these contributions.

Shows will be required to apply for the medal each year and applications must be received no less than 12 weeks prior to presentation date. Confirmation of approval will be emailed to you within 2 weeks of your application being received. It is requested that the recipient be announced either prior to or during your Agricultural Show and medals be acknowledged in print and on websites as RAS of NSW Agricultural Shows Award.

Medals will have the Show Society name engraved by the RAS; however, engraving of the recipient's name will be the responsibility of either the Show Society or the winner.

This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise a significant contribution that someone has made to your Show Society, and we encourage all Shows to complete the application form below:

NSW Agricultural Show Society name:	
Date the Award will be presented	
Nominated recipient:	
What the medal is being awarded for:	
Show Society contact name:	
Show Society contact number:	
Show Society email:	

Applications are to be emailed to jdisbery@rasnsw.com.au or posted to Locked bag 4317, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127.

If you have any questions or need more information please do not hesitate to contact either Nicole Bryce at nbryce@rasnsw.com.au or 9704 1001 or Janine Disbery at jdisbery@rasnsw.com.au or 9704 1293.

Since the commencement of the Award, 110 have been awarded and for 2021 eleven Agricultural Shows Award have been approved.

Local Show Legends

The ASC has called for nominations from your local Show community for a legend of the local show. We are looking for those stalwarts who tirelessly, skilfully, and passionately contribute to the fabric of your show and show society to tell their story on social media. To nominate a legend, go to <https://docs.google.com/.../145XG4gexJgf5qXSj2W.../edit>

Legend of Moree Show – Andrew Pitman

LEGEND OF THE SHOW - ANDREW PITMAN - MOREE SHOW	
HISTORY WITH SHOW SOCIETY	Joined in the early 90's as part of the Finance Committee. Later taking on the liquor license and for the past few years Ringmaster and ground announcer
WHO ENCOURAGED YOU TO GET INVOLVED	The late Betty Matchett
FAVOURITE MOMENT AT THE SHOW	OPENING CEREMONY
PROUDEST OF AT YOUR SHOW	The Show has been able to grow attendance and remain financial
MOST MEMORABLE SHOW	The year I was President
EMBARRASSING SHOW MOMENT	The year we had Dorothy the Dinosaur we loaded the gate takings into their truck believing the locked toolbox was part of their gear
SOMETHING NOTEWORTHY ABOUT YOUR SHOW	MOREE HAS ONLY EVER MISSED ONE SHOW AND IT WAS DURING WW2

Legend of Tumbarumba Show – Marell Bell

TUMBARUMBA SHOW LEGEND **MARELL JOY BELL (MELLIE)**

HISTORY

✓ Volunteer - Steward - Treasurer, a position held for 15 years

RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT

✓ An Aunt and her fellow CWA Members

FAVOURITE SHOW MOMENT/TRADITION

✓ Tiny tot section with fashion parade followed by pet show

✓ Tradition-presentation of the best in the Grand Parade, a prize donated by a local resident

TUMBARUMBA SHOW LEGEND **MARELL JOY BELL (MELLIE)**

WHAT ARE YOU PROUDEST OF AT YOUR SHOW?

✓ The dedicated committee members and volunteers

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT

✓ Becoming a Life Member

MEMORABLE SHOW MOMENT

✓ PA system stopped working on the same day as the children's rides stopped

SOMETHING NOTEWORTHY ABOUT YOUR SHOW

✓ Tumbarumba Show has been running for 128 years

Legend of Binnaway Show - Harry Powell

Harry started volunteering for the Show in the late 1970's. One of his first jobs, that lasted for about 20 years was to take a truck to Mendooran Showground to pick up the show jumps that were borrowed every year for the Binnaway Show. He was Ring Master for a few years, then President from 1981-1984 before going back to volunteering and becoming President again in 2012, a position that he still holds.

Neighbour and generous donor to the Binnaway Showground, Steve Bond is responsible for Harry's initial involvement with the Show. The horse section is a favourite tradition at the Show.

Harry is very proud of the incredible support that he receives from the committee, volunteers, local businesses, and the community.

The 2021 Binnaway Show was the most memorable with a record crowd of 1100 and record entries in many sections. A wardrobe moment for someone close to Harry at the popular Art Show evening was a moment he will not forget.

The interest shown and the value of the Young Judges Day which is run as part of the Show week is noteworthy. It is good to see so many young students who are our next generation of leaders and workers enthusiastic and engaged while learning about the great diversity of the agricultural industry.



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Local Show Legends



Legend of Dubbo Show – Pauline McAllister

Pauline's first involvement was with Deniliquin Pastoral and Agricultural Show Society.

In 1962, when, as the then fiancé of her late husband Trevor McAllister she was asked by his father Donald if she would be a penciller for him in the show jumping ring. It was whilst doing this that she fell in love with the show movement. Donald McAllister, who was a past President of the Show Society had introduced show jumping to the Deniliquin Show in 1960. It was at the Deniliquin Show, always held on the first weekend in March each year that the big-name showjumpers honed their skills on the way to the Sydney Royal.

In 1975, married with four young children her husband Trevor became President of the Deniliquin Show. In those days there were no women on the show committee but there was a Ladies committee of which the President's wife was expected to be President. From the late 60's, Pauline was Chief Steward of the Showgirl section of the Show and thus began her long association with the Showgirl movement.

In 1988, Trevor and Pauline moved to Dubbo, where they purchased a marquee and party hire business. A few weeks after taking over the business, a member of the Dubbo Show Society committee approached them explaining that the previous owners of the business were sponsors of a major jumping event at Dubbo Show and they were wondering if we would be interested in continuing the sponsorship. With enthusiasm Pauline let her know that they were show people from way back and would love to continue with the sponsorship. Pauline joined the committee and was Chief Steward of the Showgirl section for many years.

Pauline's husband was elevated to the position of President in 1995, which he held until 2000. So, once again Pauline found herself in the roll of President's wife. Alongside her husband, Pauline hosted the official luncheon on the Saturday of the Show and was instrumental in introducing the Sunday night dinner after the Show.

The most memorable show was probably 'the wet show'. It was 1996, the second year of Trevor's Presidency. Pauline remembers that the rain did not stop. 1996 was the only year the Dubbo Show Society ever claimed on their rain insurance.

One of the proudest moments came in 2012 when alongside Trevor, they were both awarded honorary life membership of the Dubbo Show Society. After Trevor's passing in 2020, Pauline was invited to take his position as one of three patrons of the Show Society. What an honour, and to learn that she was to be the first female patron in the 148-year history of the Dubbo show society was very humbling indeed.



Legend of French's Forest Show – Wendy Taplin

Wendy was a regular competitor at gymkhanas and shows when young. After marrying and having a family, Wendy never lost interest in horses and shows. After being on the committee, Wendy graduated when she was elected to be President in 1999 and leads a small but dedicated committee to run not only the Annual Show but a Spring Horse Show as well.

Wendy runs the Pavilion classes at the show, assists in the office, taking waivers and selling ring tickets and organises and prepares all the food with the assistance of her good friend, Julie Ballard.

Wendy has been working closely with Northern Beaches Council since they decided to expand the children's playground.

Not only is Wendy a show legend, but she should also be termed "Showground Guardian" – she lives locally so when there is a problem at the showground she is contacted. After bad storms and trees or large branches have come down, Wendy contacts Northern Beaches Council to inform them to come and clean up. In the bushfires earlier this year, the Showground was opened as a horse evacuation centre – Council came and put-up temporary yards for the horses but forgot to open the toilets for the horse owners. Who was called – Wendy who then sorted out the problem!

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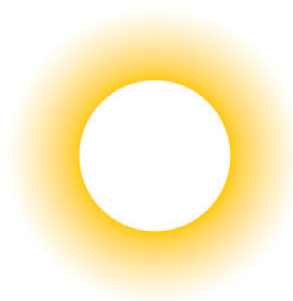
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