

Boonah Show Society Newsletter

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REGION AWARDS NIGHT

Held at Lowood on Saturday 13th June.
Congratulations to Anthony Niebling who represented Boonah in the Rural Ambassador Competition. The standard of the competition was extremely high and was won by Ashley Cooper representing Gatton Show Society
Unfortunately we did not have a representative in the Miss Showgirl Competition. This was won by Cassie Seppanen representing Rosewood Show Society

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DATE CLAIMERS

Management Committee Meeting:- Tuesday 23rd July commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Show Meeting :- Tuesday 30th July 2013 commencing at 7.30p.m

2014 Show Date: 16-17th May

SHOW REPORT:-

What a fabulous show! Record entries! Great Crowd! Fabulous Weather!
ALL THING LOCAL! Really worked . We recognised 100 New Competitors with Gold Lapels.

Thank you to all our Exhibitors, we could not have a show without you.

Thank you to all our Members, Stewards and Volunteers who have worked so hard to bring together such a successful show for the community

Thank you to everybody who attended the show, our locals and the many visitors.

Gate Takings 10% increase on last year. Not quite as much as the record set in 2011, but not far off it!

- * The revamped Animal Nursery was probably the most popular place to be seen at the Show. Congratulations to Mark Eather and his family and the Endangered Farm Animal group for this tremendous Display.
- * This was probably followed by Sideshow Ally, which was chock o block with rides and stalls for the young people. Their representative said that they had filled their whole area, actually had rides that they did not have room for.
- * The new Wordwork Section and Demonstration was another big hit and a great attraction. Congratulations to Ross Gilbert and his team for all the hard work
- * Stud Cattle: Absolute record in entries 220 head, 20 Breeds represented
- * Dairy Cattle:- Over 40 head, 5 breeds represented, best representation of Dairy Cattle seen in Boonah for many years.
- * Prime Cattle 320 entries the new ramp was named " Alf Betts Memorial Ramp " and was recognised. Very well attended Dinner for the Presentation of Trophies. The Young Auctioneers Competition was won by Billy Goetsch , with Morgan Harris as runner up.

- * Flowers Beautiful display, record entries.
- * Cakes Record entries over 420 Exhibitors. Fabulous display. Large number of Junior Exhibitors
- * Pigeons had 100 entries, never been seen before - last year we had 7.
- * Caged birds Steward was very happy with his entries of over 200.
- * The Poultry entries was equivalent with the best, and the changes to their pavilion was greatly appreciated.
- * Fruit & Vegetables. Tremendous Display Judges comments that he has never judged better or more hay at any other show. Wonderful variety of locally grown fruit
- * Lego Display was brilliant. The kids love it
- * Dog Show was tremendous 423 dogs were on show.
- * The Celebrity Chef competition was a big hit in the Fine Food & Wine Pavilion, with Spenser Howson & Scott Buchholz being beaten by Show Girl Jocelyn Kleier. The Wine and Food tastings in this pavilion is always popular
- * We were very proud to have Spensor Howson to open the Show.
- * The Pavilion was full of great exhibits of Fine Arts, Photography, Textiles & Craft which filled pavilion with a tremendous display.
- * The School displays were a credit to them and they should be very proud. A new award was introduced this year for the best School display, the Lloyd Brasington Memorial Trophy was awarded to Maroon School, second was Roadvale & third was All Saints School.
- * Horse entries was on a par with last year. The feature of the day was the Pam Bell Challenge having 16 entries, was won by Toni O'Reilly. This ran late, and consequently ran the Night Show Program late.
- * Night Show was spectacular, a display by the Miniature Trotters was a big hit, the Duggie Hay Stacking Challenge and the Calf Scruffing were very popular. The spectacular Fireworks would have woken all of Boonah, and the Monster Truck, Rollover Cars & Demolition Derby brought the show to a late and cold finalie.
- * Friday Night saw the first Inter School Young Farmers Challenge for Boonah, and it was most successful. The High School Section was won by Dooraydin House, Large Primary School was won by Kalbar School and the small Primary School Section was won by Roadvale School. The challenge is out there now for all the Schools next year to get their name on these Plaques, which was presented at the beginning of the Saturday Night show. Congratulations to Tenneil Schonknecht and her team from the Junior Show Committee for such a successful event.
- * The Junior Show Committee was recognised for 12 years involvement with the Boonah Show during the Official Afternoon Tea.

BOONAH JUNIOR SHOW SOCIETY CITATION AS PRESENTED BY BETH HERN.

In 2000 The Boonah Show Society developed a Strategic Plan. One of our weaknesses which was identified was an aging Committee and the lack of Young Members on our Committee. We then established our goals and one of these was to start a Junior Show Committee based at the Boonah High School. With this in mind we proceeded to change our Model Rules to allow for Junior Members under the age of 18 years to be Members of the Show Society. Our Members were required to obtain and hold Blue Cards as part of the Child Protection Policy for working with Young People.

We were very fortunate that at the time, Trevor Collins the then Ag. Teacher from the High School, was a Member of our Management Committee and together with Beth Hern held several meetings with the then High School Principal Mr. Jeff Hennessey, and with his support, a meeting of Students was called and a Junior Committee was elected in 2001. At this meeting they elected their Committee, following the same positions of the Senior Committee. They proceeded to delegate students as Junior Stewards of all the Sections of the Show, and worked their first show in 2002. They also planned and ran their own Friday Family Fun Night Show. They meet in their Lunch break at School. Their Executive attend Show Meetings and provide a lot of input into the program and running of the show. This structure has not been changed over the 12 years this Junior Committee has been operating. Despite initial predictions that it would be a "one year wonder" the Committee has grown from strength to strength. I think there

was about 25 Students who joined the first Committee in 2002, this year we have seen up to 80 Students attending the meetings.

With the formation of the Committee, it was decided to distribute a separate Junior Schedule to all the Students at our local Schools (1000 schedules) , and most Sections of our Show have created special Junior Classes. This has resulted in an ever increasing number of Junior Exhibitors in our Show. We set a policy of free entry for Junior Exhibitors to encourage this.

Some special achievements of this Committee have been:-

- A National Rural Education Award presented to Trevor in Canberra in 2003 recognising the contribution made by the Students to the Agricultural Sector in their Community.
- Recognition at Government House during a reception hosted by the Governor for Queensland Show Societies in 2005. This was attended by Steven & Craig Pocock, Anthony Niebling and Scott Foelz, together with our Local Miss Showgirl Sara Dieckman who went on to win Queensland Miss Showgirl.
- Craig Pocock attended a QCAS conference at Mt. Isa with Trevor & Beth, and did a presentation on the Junior Committee, & Anthony Niebling did the same thing at a QCAS conference at Laidley.
- Steven Pocock was our Rural Ambassador Entrant in 2008, where he won the BVWM Semi Final and went on as a finalist at the State Awards.
- Anthony Niebling won the Junior Citizen of the Year for his contribution to the Show Society in 2009 and has represented us twice in the Rural Ambassador Awards at a Region Level.

The Boonah High School also present 2 Awards for Awards Night, being the Trevor Collins Junior Show Society Encouragement Award and the Steven Pocock Junior Show Society Encouragement Award.

The formation of this Junior Committee has certainly solved the problem of not having any Junior Members on our Committee. Anthony would have been our youngest member we have ever had on Management as an 18 year old, and is now a Vice President of the Committee and Tyler Schossow is also currently a Management Committee Member. We have had several other ex Junior Members on Management, and we would have at least 20 ex Junior Members as Committee Members & Stewards. We face the same problem as other Rural areas, in losing our young people to the city to attend University and obtain work, but the ones who have been able to stay locally have certainly continued their association with the Show Society. I also know that there is a very strong connection to Boonah with those who leave, that many eventually return home and I'm sure the Show Society will welcome them back to the fold! This year we are very proud to have Steven Pocock return to Boonah from Central Queensland to judge the Stud Cattle British Breeds. Many of our young Members have continued on with a career in the Cattle Industry following their success in one of their most popular events, the "Young Auctioneer" competition. I would also like to make mention of 2 special ladies who have been Treasurer's of the Junior Committee over this period, being Jessica Scheive & Anna Betts. Either of these girls could come back at any time and be Treasurer of the Show Society!

To my knowledge Boonah is still the only Show Society in Australia who has a Junior Committee such as this. We must thank our Principal from the High School Ms Bronwyn Johnstone for continuing to support and encourage the Students from Boonah High to continue this incredible partnership. We also thank our current Junior Committee led by President Tenneil Schonknecht on the fantastic job they have done this year. They have set up another first for Boonah in running the first Inter School " Young Farmers Challenge" on Friday night, and I'm sure this will continue to grow from strength to strength.

We would like to acknowledge all of our past Presidents & Members who have been able to attend this afternoon and thank everyone for the part they have played in making this Junior Show Committee work so successfully. We simply could not run our Show without their help and support.

JUNIOR SHOW PRESIDENTS HONOUR BOARD.

2002 – 2003 - Steven Pocock , 2004- Justin Wenzel, 2005- 2006 - Craig Pocock, 2007 - Tyler Schossow.
2008 - Billy Rose Manns- Gordon , 2009 - Timothy O'Dwyer , 2010 - Lyndelle Peters, 2011 - Sarah Ziebath,
2012 - Samantha Conochie , 2013 - Tenneil Schonknecht

CATTLE YARDS:- Congratulations to Ross Oppermann and his team of Stewards for securing sponsorship for packs of Cattle Rails to build 17 new Yards. The Show Society sincerely thank the following Sponsors for their generous Donation. Lex & Dixie Sawatzki, Terry Foote, Goetsch & Sons, John Stanton, John Weatherall, Bruce & Elaine Richardson, Paul Newlove & Family, Noelene Ruhland, Todd Joyce, Eileen Johnson, Jon Krause, Errol Stenzel, N & M. Hawkins, Ray & Maryanne Hawkins, Tom & Joy Surawski, Murray & Judy O'Reilly & Mark O'Dwyer. Their names will be placed on the various pens in time for the 2014 Show. Cattle Stewards have begun to replace these Yards and they would appreciate any assistance. All the work will be voluntary, so this is a tremendous effort, and the Management Committee sincerely thank everyone involved.

“ CLYDIE SPECTACULAR” Congratulations to Rick & Greta Stanfield for running such a successful “Clydie Spectacular” in Boonah. The Date for the 2014 event is 31st May -1st June and it will include working and harness Horses.

VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU LUNCH This was very successful, attended by about 100 people and well catered for by Mt. Alford School P.& C. Most of the Chief Stewards were present, and it was great to hear such positive and pleasing reports about the different sections of our Show. All of our Stewards are to be congratulated on the way they all work so hard to make our show so successful. It doesn't matter how much work is done in the Office in preparing for the Show, it is what is presented on the day by our Stewards that makes for a very special event.

MEETING NOTICE. The next Show Meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th July at 7.30 p.m. This meeting will be in the form of a workshop to develop a Business Plan for the running of the show. We will be examining the aims and objects of our Show, budgets, WH&S issues, duties of Members & Stewards, and anything else relevant to the successful running of our show. We invite all Members to attend this workshop to begin planning the direction of our future shows and create a structure for future Committees to work with. The importance of the Business Plan is made even more pertinent by the release of Show Dates for the next 5 years, showing Boonah, Ipswich, Brookfield & Gympie Shows falling on the same weekend. Kaye Stegeman will be facilitating this workshop and assisting with the development of the Business Plan so please come along and be part of this process.

Beth Hern

Secretary.