

# Boonah Show Society Newsletter

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Welcome to new members **Myles Covacevich, Steven Gnech and Charles Gnech.**

### MEETINGS

Night Show meeting 13<sup>th</sup> April

Management Committee 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p. m.

Show Ball Committee 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30p.m.

Horse Stewards meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May (Ribbon night)

Show Committee meeting 31<sup>st</sup> May

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Working Bee (Grounds) Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April and most Saturdays after that before the show. Ring Anthony 0429899930 for more details.

Boonah Show 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011 (our 111<sup>th</sup> show)

### Thank You

First of all, a big thank you to **Andrew Spring's Earthmoving and Drainage** for the use of their bobcat over the last two months. This was provided totally free of charge to the Boonah Show Society to help get the grounds ready for the show - a big job this year after the rains. A very generous donation – thank you very much, Andrew.

### Webpage

Wow! Thanks to Greg Holdorf (with input from Beth), our new webpage went on line yesterday – you can check it out at the address above or simply type Boonah Show Society into your browser and look at the new design. We are very happy with the way it looks and it should help us reach a new audience and get our message out there much more effectively. It's colourful, easy to find your way around and is just a wonderful reflection of the show atmosphere and the work of the show society and it helps us acknowledge the many people who help us, particularly our valued sponsors. We need more photos, to finish the Virtual Tour but they're coming soon.

Another exciting thing about it is the links section. For example, David McMaugh suggested we link with Boonah Tourism Organisation which has 1000 "Hits" each day – this means we have many more opportunities to let people know about us, and if we are then linked to the webpage of the 54 members of that group, our message reaches even wider. Adrian Stephan suggested we consult John Strutt about doing the same with the Chamber of Commerce. There is a whole new world of possibilities opening up.

Greg and Beth are keen to hear your feedback on what is already there and your suggestions for what else could be included. Greg has done this for us at a very reasonable price, and we can update and add whatever we want by simply emailing Greg with the changes. Thanks again, Greg – we have dreamed of a new web page for a very long time and we could not be more thrilled with the result.

### **Official Show Photographer**

As we all know, a picture is worth a thousand words. You have no idea how many times we say “We wish we had a photo of that” as part of a brochure, a grant application or a document. Well, soon we will have. Grant Petras has been appointed the official show photographer. Grant will make his photos available for use on the webpage and he would have photos on his webpage for clients to order as well. Grant is another local keen on helping the show.

### **Show Shirts**

At long last we have an official Boonah Show Society shirt. It is red (like our webpage), softly striped with silver, and the men can, if they wish, team it with a navy tie. The men’s are available in either long or short sleeves, and ladies in either three quarter or short. It looks very smart and we think it will give us a more professional image as well as making it easier for the public to identify committee members. The show society will pay to have members’ first names and the words *Boonah Show Society* embroidered on the front but members pay for their own shirts. If you have already placed an order, the shirts are available for pick-up from Maynard’s now. If you wish to order one, go directly to Maynard’s. They cost \$40, are manufactured by Bisley and I am told they are not a large fitting so you may need to be careful about what size you order. Leanne Wenzel is doing the names, and picks the shirts up from Maynard’s and delivers them back there when she has finished. We hope to see many of you proudly wearing these on show day.

### **Show Ball News**

The good news is that only 1 table and several seats at other tables remain unallocated at this stage. In fact, Secretary Kate Schossow is busy rejigging her table arrangements to fit 270 people in to Roadvale hall if she needs to. But the bad news is that Kate is still waiting for the paper work from the show girls. We know they are out there planning to enter, choosing their dresses and getting ready but they haven’t yet filled out those important forms. If you know anyone who fits this description, please encourage them to get their forms in to Kate ASAP so that she can get the final details sorted. Kate can be reached on 54630148.

### **Show Update and Special Show Features**

Everything seems on track for a great show. One of the encouraging things noticed this year are the large numbers of community groups who are accessing space at the show. The show society provides free space to community groups (but no free passes) so it is great to see that level of support.

Show visitors can expect to be greeted at some stage by Tammy the 200kg Tamworth pig who with her handler, Taryn Binsted, will be touring the grounds to meet the public as part of the Rare and Endangered Species display organised by steward Adrian Stephan. There will be rare breeds of ducks, poultry, pigs, sheep and cattle on display in pens near the Windmill. Their breeders will be on hand as well to talk to the interested public. And of course the theme “In case we lose them” will be carried on through other sections with special classes which will be judged by Wendy Creighton.

There will be a number of new and interesting food stalls (curries, Japanese...) and some interesting new displays. For example, local sculptor Christopher Trotter has offered to set up a display of sculpture made from scrap metal. This includes at least one vehicle. Christopher currently has a display touring Queensland through the Arts Council. We gratefully accepted his offer – another example of local support.

On Sunday, there will be the market stalls operating with about 20 stall holders so far, as well as the Chainsaw Championships, Vintage Vehicle, Machinery and Bike Displays, a Talent Quest and lots more. Check the website for more details! The committee is working very hard to publicise the Sunday program as this is our first attempt at a three day show (which of course includes Friday judging day) but word of mouth is very effective advertising as well, so please let the people around you know what is happening and let's get the word out there. (Nominations have closed for the Chainsaw Races, with 43 competitors from all over Qld & NSW.)

### **Junior Show Committee Report**

Emily Schrann reported that things were well under way for the Friday night show. A sub-committee has been formed to deal with the motor bike events. The junior show committee are also seeking information about which sections require help (and when) to coordinate the Friday efforts. Emily reported that 4 students are planning to help out as horse stewards on Saturday and Sunday and others are planning to make themselves available to help with catering on Saturday as well when Lorelle is always short of helpers. Great to see the students helping out throughout the show – we all know we could not get by without them.

### **Advertising and Publicity**

We are trying something different this year by advertising our show via Quest Newspapers in the Brisbane South regions with special 2 for 1 entry offers for the Sunday show. We are also advertising on River 94.9. We will be conducting a survey at the gates at key times to find out where people found out about the show and how we can best use our advertising budget in future.

You may notice a white Corolla driving around in the next few weeks with information about Boonah show dates & "See the Toyota HiLux Hero's at the Boonah Show" on its side. This has been provided by Huebner Toyota Beaudesert as part of their sponsorship deal. (Toyota Hi Lux Hero's will be making their first appearance at a rural show in SE Qld, outside of Brisbane, and you will see them in Boonah.) It is available to committee members who are driving out of town as another way of advertising this event. If you want to help out with this form of advertising, ring Beth (who has already booked large chunks of time- a good secretary is always on the job!).

### **Blue Cards**

All show society members need blue cards. If yours is not current or if you do not have one at all, please contact the office on 54631124. Ask for Gayle.

### **Volunteers Morning Tea**

All members of Boonah Show Society are invited to the Volunteers Morning Tea to be held at the Fassifern Community Centre on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30a.m. We were requested to prepare a short presentation about our work and Kaye Stegeman has done this. Ring Beth if you would like to attend so she can coordinate the RSVP's. This might be a great first opportunity to display our new show shirts.

### **HELP WANTED**

Catering coordinator Lorelle Sconknecht is seeking helpers for the show ball. This is the first time the show society will do the catering ourselves and it is obviously going to be a huge job. Lorelle can be reached on 54638221. If you have a few hours to spare over the show period, she would love to hear about that as well. We also need help with catering for the RSL Lunch on Anzac Day.

The Horse section is looking for people to assist in the broadcasting box with taking nominations and handing out prize money. Contact Beth.

Anthony Niebling wants helpers at working bees most Saturdays to prepare for the show. Phone 0429 899930.

## Welcome back

It was good to see President Jim Harvey back on deck at the last show meeting after recent surgery. Also good to see life member Velmer Staines in the front row.

## SPECIALLY FOR STEWARDS

### 1. Do you need help in cleaning or setting up?

Show President Jim Harvey encouraged stewards who need any help with setting up or cleaning up their areas prior to the show to let him or Anthony know so that the work can be scheduled into the working bees. Time is running out so get in touch soon.

### 2. Workplace Health and Safety

Workplace Health and Safety Officer Peter McGovern would like to remind stewards to return their risk audit forms to him through the show office as soon as possible **before the show**. Pavilion stewards need only notify him of things needing attention within their own area. Peter will assess the building in general. Our insurer will look far more favourably on any claim we may need to make if we can demonstrate that we have been diligent in trying to make the area as safe as we possibly can.

### 3. Judges

Judges are still required for dairy cattle, pigeons, caged birds, utes and make'n' model.

### 4. Catering Requirements

If you have not already done so, please let Lorelle Schonknecht know the meal requirements for your section. Lorelle requests that you let her know as soon as possible **and no later than Monday or Tuesday before the show** about numbers and times and places of pick-up for morning teas for your section on Show Days. Help our Catering Coordinator help you by providing her with the information she needs.

### 5. Thank you

Finally thank you to all our stewards, many of whom have worked for years to build up their sections. You are a large part of why Boonah show is so successful and we appreciate the hours of work you put in over the show period and over the year in promoting and organising, recruiting, training and, in some cases, cajoling to get wonderful displays and competitions happening on Show Day. Your specialised knowledge is a real asset to this society and the work you do reflects so well on our district.

## Newsletter Feedback

Thank you to those who have commented on our newsletter. We welcome feedback and Beth is already collecting ideas. Meanwhile, if there is anything you want mentioned or included, contact Kaye Stegeman on 54631636 or [stegeman@harboursat.com.au](mailto:stegeman@harboursat.com.au). We want to make it useful, informative and interesting. The more we all know about what is going on, the better we can all work together.



## Final Word

Happy Easter everyone. The next show meeting is the wash-up meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> May. We hope to hear many more stories of your successes at that meeting.