

Boonah Show Society Newsletter

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NEXT SHOW MEETING

12th April at 7.30 p. m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Working Bee (Grounds) 26th February at 7.00a.m.

WITH SYMPATHY.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Velmer Staines on the passing of her husband, Snow. Velmer is a life member of the show society.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Joy McDougall. Ross passed away in Hamilton Hospital (N.Z)

Membership Increase

Since our annual meeting, 13 new members have joined the show society and another potential member has expressed an interest in doing so. Even better, young people are joining up. What better start to the year could we have? Welcome to Gayle and Peter Van Der Veen, Jan and Trevor Pfeffer, Mark Silcox, Rod and Tricia Stimson, Peter McGovern, Barbara Gerber, Jonathon Krause, Toby Worley, Tom Stanley and Brayden Schossow. Many hands make light work and we hope you all enjoy your involvement with this great community organisation. Peter McGovern has already accepted the position of Workplace Health and Safety Officer & Barbara will be helping in the office. Welcome to the team.

Positions Vacant

We also need a Grounds Steward (to generally oversee matters such as mowing and supervision of prisoners from Palen Creek), a Buildings Maintenance Officer (for general repairs), and a person with skills to update our website which is functional but needs a new look. If any old or new members are interested or if you know someone who may be, contact Beth or Gayle at the show office.

Flood Damage

Another busy show year underway and our year began with floods, causing damage to fencing and the show arena. Salt Gully fence in Macquarrie St below the cattle yards washed away in one piece. The ring had just been planted with seed when the heavy rain washed it all away leaving a patchy uneven surface. Many thanks to Anthony Niebling and Tyler Schossow for cleaning up. Anthony will start soon to level the ring with a bobcat and get it ready for the show.

Show Schedule Printing

More good news! Beth and her team finished this task ahead of schedule and Beth was able to report to the show meeting on 8th February that the schedules were now available. This has two advantages – the schedules are ready much earlier (now compared to late March or early April) and they are much cheaper. The total cost in 2011 was less than \$1,000.00 – a saving of \$3500.00. A mighty thank you to Beth for all that hard work and to the helpers as well. However, it was a herculean task which took up most of Beth's Christmas break, resolving formatting issues.

Plans for Three Day Show

Plans for the three day show are well advanced with a number of new ideas being trialled.

For example, Adrian Stephan is steward for "Rare and Endangered Farm Species". There will be displays of pigs, goat, cattle, poultry and ducks (in species some of us remember from days gone by) set up this year near the windmill. This will not replace the animal nursery but be a separate feature. Adrian is also negotiating with seed banks about rare and endangered plants and seeds as well. Come along and have a look – walk down memory lane with us. There will be no charge but there will be some fund-raising happening on show day due to the recent floods.

We all know the old ways are disappearing. But Adrian reported the theme "In case we lose them" is running through the whole show. There will be heirlooms in the Fruit and Vegetable section, a vase of cottage flowers in the horticulture section and cookery is offering a prize for the oldest recipe prepared with the oldest utensils and the oldest method. So we are doing our bit to keep country traditions alive.

Another new section is being sponsored by Kalbar Mitre 10 hardware. It is the Outdoors, Garden and Living Expo, hopefully featuring a well known identity. We need a steward for this area – call Beth if you are interested.

A big attraction on Saturday & Sunday is expected to be the National Chainsaw Championships. Thirty to forty entries are anticipated over 15 sections.

Stewards are still required for the Celebrity Chef competition on Saturday and the talent quest on Sunday.

Blue Cards

All Show society members require blue cards. However, our records show many have expired. Please check out the date on your blue card and see if it is still current. Gayle has forms at the office for renewing or reapplying if you need to do so. Also, if members hold a blue card through another organisation, they need to get it authorised through the show society. Gayle has forms for that as well. Let's keep ourselves up to date in this area.

Catering Matters

Lorelle, our catering convenor, still needs helpers for functions and at show time. Can you spare a few hours? It does not have to be every time there is a function. Please get in touch with Lorelle (phone 54638221) if you feel you can help. Catering is a large money earner but a very big job.

Lorelle also emphasises that chief stewards need to have contacted her by Tuesday of show week with the following information about their morning tea requirements – how many people, what time and where. That will make it much easier for Lorelle to provide you with good service.

Working Bee

There will be a working bee on 26th February starting at 7.00a.m. to tackle the following jobs around the grounds – repairs to the loading ramp, stables, broadcasting box, the bar at the Prime Cattle yards, the bridge over Salt Gully to the soccer field, the arena, the gate at the cattle yards, road repairs and the garden at the caravan park. Please come if you can and bring appropriate tools if you have them. Everything needs to be ship-shape before the show.

Show Ball

The show ball is being held at Roadvale on 7th May at 6 for 6.30p.m. Committee secretary Kate Schossow is thrilled to report that 8 tables are already booked and 18 tickets sold so get in early if you want a good table. Kate also asks that you encourage any suitable candidates for Miss Showgirl to consider entering this competition. The age is from 18-27. Not only will the girls gain useful experience, they will enjoy themselves, have a chance to win great prizes and they may go on to represent their district, their region and their state. Please be talent scouts, with an eye out for the right entrants.

Stewards Workshop.

Over 50 people attended the Stewards Workshop on the 12th February., which was a great response. I'm sure everyone found it very helpful, and a great networking opportunity. 10 Show Societies were represented.