

# Boonah Show Society Newsletter

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## **DATE CLAIMERS**

**Octoberfest:- 24<sup>th</sup> October?**

**Show Ball:- 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Boonah Show:- 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May**

**Show Draft:- 5<sup>th</sup> June**

**Clydie Spectacular:- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June**

## **MEETING DATES**

**Management Committee Meeting :- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**Show Meeting :- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**AGM:- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**All Meetings commence at 7.30p.m.**

**SHOW NEWS:-** Congratulations and many thanks to everyone for the massive effort in presenting another wonderful Show. While we cannot claim a record gate, we were only down by \$3000-00 on last years record. Most noticeable increase this year was the fantastic support from Sponsors. Up from \$25,839-00 last year to \$34,580-00 this year. Sideshows were down again this year, which is due to the large number of Shows which we clash with. The displays in the Pavilions were excellent, congratulations to all the Sections on how well the exhibits are presented. All the Scarecrows added to the displays as well, and the theme "Remembering the Anzac's" was well recognised throughout. While most Sections reported lower numbers of entries, the quality and standard of the displays did not reflect this.

The Prime Cattle Section had 280 entries and record prices were recorded at the Sale. The new yards are a credit to the Stewards in this Section, and the help from Palen Creek with the construction was greatly appreciated. Stud Cattle had a good showing, despite being so close to Beef Week in Rockhampton. They had 70 head entered in the Led Steer Competition alone. We thank Heather Wehl, who works very hard to get some entries in the Dairy Cattle Section. Not many in numbers, but all breeds of Dairy Cattle were represented!

The Horses Section was managed by new Chief Steward Rick Stanfield, and he is to be congratulated on his changes in the layout of the rings, making the area safer, and very attractive for spectators. Shifting the Jumping ring in front of the Grandstand was well received, and a record number (over 100) of Jumpers competing saw a full day of entertainment, with the 6Bar finishing under lights with a large crowd watching.

The Poultry Show was excellent, as was the Caged Birds and Pigeons. The Dairy Goats and Miniature Goats had good entries. The Animal Nursery is always very popular.

The display of Vintage Machinery and Vehicles are growing, resulting in a huge Grand Parade. The Night Show program lived up to it's high standard of entertainment, with the Isuzu Utes Precision Driving team being the feature act. The Young Farmers Challenge is proving to be very popular. All the entertainment around the grounds throughout the day, supported by the Schools and Community Bands all added to an excellent carnival atmosphere.

**JUNIOR SHOW COMMITTEE:-** Congratulations to President Jordon Holdorf and her team for all their support and work they do in assisting us with running the Show. They had a record 130 Members this year. Having the Prep & Year 1's from all the District Schools attend the Show on Friday went over really well, and they prepared a great program for them. I'm sure this can be made even better for next year, and will become very popular. They put a lot of work into organising the Friday Night Family Fun Night, which is run in the form of a Young Farmers Challenge, which everyone seems to enjoy. They have already had their Elections for next year, and congratulations to Jordon who will be continuing as President.

**CHANGE OF SHOW DATES:-** We are very happy to announce a change to our Show Dates. We put in a request to QCAS to move all Shows in our Region following Ipswich, 1 week later. This was approved with the support of the other Show Societies in the Region. The final result was a change in the order of the Shows, so they will now run in order from Marburg, Ipswich, Esk, Boonah Toogoolawah, Lowood, Kalbar, Rosewood, Laidley & Gatton. Boonah Show will now be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> week, in 2016 this will be 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May. The only Show we will be clashing with is Maleny. This is a permanent change, and we thank QCAS and the Region Shows who supported our request.

**CARAVAN PARK:-** We were sorry to say goodbye to our Caretakers, Bob & Lorraine. They have been with us for 7 years, and we have seen massive growth in the Caravan Park in this period. We enjoyed a dinner with them at the Golf Club to express our thanks and wish them well in their retirement. We welcome our new Caretakers, Wayne & Nijole Martin, who took over at the beginning of the month. At present they are still living in their home while we are having the inside of the Caretakers House painted.. We hope they settle in and enjoy the many challenges which running a Caravan Park can present!.

**SHOW MEETING:-** Our next Show Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August. We have already made a request to Harness Racing Board to bring back Trotting to our Boonah Show. We have decided to hold a Friday Night Trotting Program, supported by other entertainment. This will give a full evening of entertainment with the Junior Young Farmers Challenge happening in the Rodeo Arena and the Cattleman's Dinner in the Dining Hall. We are looking at running a full Show on Friday, with all Pavilion Judging taking place on Thursday. All these plans need fine tuning and a lot of support, so we are looking for everyone's attendance at this meeting. It will be a workshop, where we can brainstorm and get lots of ideas and input from everyone. We will be looking for a Chief Steward for the Trotting, so if anyone has any interest in this, or knows someone who does, please let me know. The Harness Racing Board has to approve our Trotting Track, and we will be looking for Sponsors for the Prize money and associated expenses.

**Octoberfest.** We have a tentative date for an Octoberfest for the 24<sup>th</sup> October. This is following on from the tremendous success of the Clydie Spectacular & Highland Gathering, it has been suggested we now look at recognising our German Heritage with an Octoberfest.!

**AGM** will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

**REGION AWARDS:-** Best wishes to our Miss Showgirl Emma Cahill and Rural Ambassador Angela Gee for the judging of the Region Awards at Esk on Saturday Night 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Kind regards,

Beth Hern  
Secretary