

# Boonah Show Society Newsletter

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### Date Claimers

**Boonah Show:- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018**

**Show Campdraft:- 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**

**Clydie Spectacular:- 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**

### Meeting Dates

**Show Meeting:- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

**Management Committee Meeting :- 25<sup>th</sup> July**

**AGM:- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**SHOW NEWS:-** I am pleased to report that, once again, we have staged a very successful show, which shows what can be achieved with a team that works together! The atmosphere around the grounds was great, we had a full line up of Trade space and Sideshows, which is always exciting and adds to the atmosphere, and all the Sections were well displayed and busy throughout the 2 days. The entertainment throughout the event was all well received and everything proved to be very popular. The gate takings, having increased by 40% last year, was only down by 7% (\$5,000-00) this year on last years figures, which is an excellent result. Our theme "Showcasing our Youth", worked really well, with the launch of "Show Ed" and the presence of the Qld. State Miss Showgirl Kaitlyn Schultz and Rural Ambassador Justin Matthews, who officially opened our Show. We must thank them for all their support throughout the show. They were both here for the 2 days & nights, and were fully involved with all aspects of the Show, and were wonderful Ambassadors for the Show movement!. They also took part in the Celebrity Chef Competition, along with Chloe Maxwell and Toby Worley, the Qld State Runner Up winners, which was won by our Boonah Miss Showgirl runner up Danica Battaglia. We also recognised 15 years since the formation of the Junior Committee at the Boonah High School. We have just had our Volunteers Thank You Lunch, where all the Stewards presented very positive reports from their Sections. About 80 people attended the Lunch, enjoyed a lovely hot roast dinner prepared by Lyndell and her girls, and socialised with a few drinks!. To those Stewards/Volunteers who could not attend, The Management Committee expresses our sincere thanks for all your help to make our Show so successful. A full Show report has already been emailed, or is included in this Newsletter.

**SHOW ED:** Our inaugural "Show Ed" was a huge success. Over 900 Students participated throughout the day, and we have had some very positive reports. The evaluation reports have come in and now needs to be fully dissected. We now need to have a group who would like to be involved with running this as a regular Section. I am happy to co-ordinate everything but it would be great to have input from other people, and hopefully our presenters from this year will once again volunteer!!. Please contact me if you would like to be involved as a Steward for "Show Ed".

**UPGRADE TO FACILITIES.** A lot of upgrades took place prior to the show. While nothing major was done this year, a lot of money was still spent! Some of the things were an upgrade to the lights in the Pavilion, Woodwork & Horticulture Sections, 2 new trailers were made by Sam Gatehouse for storing panels & seats, 2 new Grandstands were made by Palen Creek & sandblasted and painted at Peak Welding, a concrete path with a hand rail was installed at the Oliver Street entrance, new display shelves were purchased for the Fruit & Vegetable Section, thanks to Boral, all the roadways and the Trotting track were top dressed with crusher dust, the Sideshow area was spiked and top dressed and dragged to level the area immediately after the Show, and the area near the Net Ball courts was top dressed where water was lying. All the Grandstand seats were sanded and painted, and all the Toilets were painted inside by Darryl Freiberg & Ian Neuendorff. We also purchased 10 Marques and 20 tables for Show Ed. All of these meant the grounds and our facilities were presented in pristine condition for the Show, and all the other events held during June. We also erected a new colourbond fence behind the Office, near the Animal Nursery & our neighbours. We have also changed our locking system to a Master Key system, so everyone who has keys need to call at the Office and hand in their existing keys and sign for a replacement key for their relevant area.

**ACTIVITIES ON THE GROUNDS:-** The showgrounds were extremely busy for the full month of June, first the Show, then the Campdraft & Poultry Show, followed by the Clydie Spectacular, which was also very successful. Congratulations to Rick, Greta & their team on all their hard work. This was followed by Zone 1 Pony Club Camp for 5 days, and then the Historic Speed Cars. At the same time we had 4 different Caravan Clubs during the month. Our Caretakers, Wayne & Nijole were kept extremely busy managing it all, which they do so well! We must thank them, and also Greg Brasington who steps in when required to give them a break!

**GRANT NEWS.** During the Show week we were notified of 2 successful Grant applications. We have received \$35,000-00 from the Gambling Benefit Fund to upgrade the power, which will be used to replace the old "mushrooms" in front of the Office area which supplies power to all the Food Vans/Trade space at Show time, and also power for the Stud Cattle area. We also received a State Government Sustainability Grant of \$25,000-00 to install Solar Panels on the Dining Hall Roof. This will reduce our monthly electricity bill by 1/3<sup>rd</sup>, which will be a substantial saving. At the same time, the Rodeo Association received a grant to upgrade the kitchen in the Rodeo Canteen, and the Netball Ass. received a grant to re-surface 3 of their Courts, so huge improvements coming to the Showgrounds!.

**SPECIAL THANKS:-** We must thank Joy McDougall who presented a cheque for \$100,000-00 at our last Management Meeting, with the suggestion it be used for a special project, in memory of her late Husband, Ross. This magnificent gift is totally unprecedented in the history of the Show Society, and words cannot express our appreciation. We also congratulate Len Schossow on receiving the Queensland Shows Meritorious Award for his service to The Boonah Show Society over the last 60 years. This award was presented by Queensland Shows President Estelle Drynan during the Official Opening of the Show. This is the first time this State Award has been presented to a member of the Boonah Show Society.

**REGIONAL AWARDS DINNER.** We congratulate our Miss Showgirl Jessica Lutter and Rural Ambassador Emily Schramm for representing Boonah at the Regional Awards Dinner held at Kalbar Showgrounds on Saturday Night. We were very proud of both of them, and many thanks to Kalbar Show Society on hosting the event. The Miss Showgirl winner was representing Ipswich Show Society and the Rural Ambassador winner was from Toogoolawah Show Society. Congratulations to both these winners.

**SHOW MEETING:** The next show meeting will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Closer dissection of the Show will happen at this Meeting, when we will have our usual "Brain Storming", to discuss what worked, what didn't, what we can do better, and work out a theme for the 2018 Show. Everyone is welcome, the more people we have, the more ideas we get to work on how to improve our show! I am also starting to make Schedule changes. Can those Sections who have meetings please arrange to do so in the next few months, so we can get your changes early.

Regards,  
Beth Hern Secretary