

Boonah Show Society Newsletter

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Team Penning	24 th Feb & 17 th March	Pavilion Stewards Workshop:-	Saturday 3 rd Feb
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Boonah Show:-	1 st & 2 nd June, 2018	Management Committee Meeting :-	27 th Feb.
Show Campdraft:-	10 th June, 2018		
Clydie Spectacular:-	16 th & 17 th June, 2018		

Welcome to 2018. I hope everyone had a relaxing break, and ready and refreshed for another busy year!!

PAVILION STEWARDS WORKSHOP & GROUNDS WORKING BEE. This date has been brought forward to Saturday 3rd February. I hope this still works for everyone! The Stewards workshop will mainly be an opportunity for “old and new” Stewards to exchange ideas, network, and hopefully find out information and learn from each other. We have some Stewards attending from other Show Societies, and I will be co-ordinating the workshop. Anthony & Tyler will be co-ordinating the working bee, and have a list of jobs to be done. Bring along some tools and you will be very welcome. The Working bee is starting at 8 a.m, but the Workshop is commencing at 9am. Morning tea & lunch will be provided for everyone. If you have not already replied, can you please do so, for either the Working Bee or Workshop, as I need to let Lyndell know numbers for catering.

QUEENSLAND SHOWS CONFERENCE:- Very pleased to announce that “Show Ed” was awarded runner up for the “Most Innovative Event at a Queensland Show”, which was won by Gatton Show Society with their “Dairy Showcase”. Tyler, Jim & myself represented Boonah Show at this Conference. Apart from being extremely hot, it was a terrific Conference. Congratulations must go to Queensland Shows Next Gen Committee for organising this. It was attended by about 160 people, representing about 80 Shows, many from NSW, so the networking opportunities were great. The main thing I got out of the Conference is that we need to look at our shows as a way to educate and have fun, from our displays, competitions and entertainment. For those who are interested, I am enclosing a copy of my report of the conference, with the hope that you may find some ideas that can be adopted in your sections. We will be covering some of these things at the Workshop. This Conference was the day after the Showman’s Guild Think Tank at Yatala, which Jim, Ross Gilbert and myself attended. This day is always full of information and networking opportunities, and we must thank the Showman’s Guild for hosting it. We heard speakers from Show Societies from all over Australia, and again, lots of new ideas and information was shared.

SHOW NEWS. The next Show Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th February at 7.30p.m. This will be a busy meeting, with a lot of our show plans to be finalised. We would like to welcome our new Stewards at this meeting. Don't forget our theme, "Showcasing our Sporting & Creative Lifestyle" when planning for your section.

SHOW SCHEDULE:-This is almost ready to be printed. Just waiting for some final changes to be confirmed. They will be available by the end of February. All the Sections have been finalised, and are on the Web Page, and if any Stewards are wanting a hard copy, just call into the Office.

WEBPAGE:- I would like to thank Greta Stanfield, who has taken over the management of our Web Page, Most of the updates are completed. Greta also manages our Facebook page, and does a great job of this. I just have keep feeding the information up to her!. If you are on Facebook, please "like" our page each time you see a posting, the more people liking it, means more people are going to see it!.

OFFICE BUSINESS:- We are in the process of having all our Webpage, Internet, Phones & IT support being managed by Shift Solutions. While most of the changes are happening in the background, this is a big learning curve for our Office with our computer programs being updated and shifting our Internet provider, meaning a change of email addresses. Our new email address is secretary@boonahshowsociety.org.au, Jeanette is admin@ ..., Caretaker is caravanpark@., and my home email is bethhern@.. . Our main issue is that email addresses have not come across, so until we get this all updated, your emails will still be coming from the westnet address. **Can you please change our email address on your computer.** We are also looking seriously at a program which will manage our show, from on line entries, to results/prizemoney, all linked to the schedule. I was impressed with Showday, which is a program which is used by a number of shows throughout Queensland. Shift Solutions are investigating different programs for us, and we will then be consulting with them, and working out the best option.

TEAM PENNING. You may have noticed that another series of Team Penning is happening. We had the first one last weekend, which was fully booked, and the next two are in February & March. These seem very popular, and are a good fund raiser. We thank everyone involved on this Sub Committee who run this event.

SHOW BALL COMMITTEE: The Show Ball Committee are looking for entrants in the Miss Showgirl, Princess & Junior Princess Competition. They would love to hear from anyone who would like to give a hand to run this event, or if you know any prospective entrants. Emma Cahill is the new Secretary, and her phone number is 0428 587 077.

JUNIOR SHOW COMMITTEE: This Committee met at the end of last year and elected their new Committee. We welcome their President Isaac Kanowski, Vice Presidents Lydia Gibson & Jai Lawrance, Secretary Britney Wright, Treasurer Emily Vass, plus their Junior Executive of Noah Webber, Grace Dover, Molly Brannelly, Nadia Blackall, Makayla Wright, Jake Kanowski, Tobin Scheife, Tara Joyce & Lothian Wilson. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of these students, nominating themselves for these positions, and wanting to be a part of our wonderful Boonah Show. We would like to thank Clare Joyce and her team for all their support last year. I found at the Conference, every Show Society is very envious of Boonah and our Junior Show Committee. Even though we have been sharing this idea for 15 years, no other Show Society & School has been able to set this up. Boonah High is very special!! We look forward to seeing some of these Students at our meeting on the 13th February!.

WORK BEING DONE:- Palen Creek have made us another 2 sets of grandstands, and are in the process of making new display shelving for the Lego competition. We have had solar panels installed on the Caretakers House. The walls in the Pavilion are to be cleaned, and we are looking for new display cases for the Textile Section. The old First Aid room is to be revamped, and become two separate rooms, a Parents Room & a First Aid room.

Looking forward to an exciting year & a great show!!

Regards,

Beth Hern Secretary