

Boonah Show Society Newsletter

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CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Saturday 22nd November, 2014

Invitation enclosed

Please come along and help
celebrate Christmas and
a very successful & busy year.

Meeting Dates

Show Meeting :- Tuesday 11th November 2014

**Horse Stewards Meeting:- Wednesday 12th
November, 2014**

All Meetings commence at 7.30p.m.

SHOWGROUNDS DEVELOPMENT:- So glad to report that everything is completed on budget and on time! New Arena Lighting, new Caravan Park Amenities block and new bitumen roads!. This has been the largest infrastructure upgrade ever seen on the Boonah Showgrounds, and there have been “just a few” anxious moments from my seat!. We thank Scott Buchholz for his support and for deputising for Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss in opening the development on 4th October. The Twilight Teams Draft was won by the Boonah Team, who each took home a nice Trophy to commemorate the occasion. The Campdraft Assn then held the finals of the Novice Draft under lights, which was a first for Boonah, and was most successful.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:- I am enclosing a copy of the President’s Annual Report. Should anyone wish to view the Annual Audited Financial Report, it is available on request. The Management Committee has seen a couple of changes this year. The Committee is as follows:- President Jim Harvey, Vice Presidents Anthony Niebling and Myles Covacevich, Secretary Beth Hern, Treasurer Sue Webber, Committee Members Mark Eather, Robyn Freiberg, Ray Maguire, Joy McDougall, Len & Tyler Schossow, Gayle VanDerVeen, Tony Ward (new Member) & David Woolgar. Don Hincks did not seek re-election owing to ill health, and we thank him for his many years as a member and the tremendous contribution he has made to the Show Society. He has held the position as Grounds Steward, and kept a constant eye on the grounds to ensure that everything was in order.

JUNIOR SHOW COMMITTEE:- This Committee have also held their Annual Meeting, which has seen an “all girl” team elected as Executive. We welcome the new Committee of President:- Jordon Holdorf, Vice Presidents Natalie Milligan & Talia Hetherington, Secretary Samantha Ferrar & Treasurer Summer Colthup. To cater for their large membership (up to 100 Students were attending their meetings this year) they are also appointing a Junior Executive from the new year 8, 9 & 10 Students to work as “buddies”

to the Executive. I know they will do a fantastic job, and they have lots of new ideas for next years Show. We thank the outgoing Executive of Riley Stoken, Morgan Harris, Taleena Peck, Lucy Betts, Jordon Holdorf Ainya Scheffe & Bryce Ward for the tremendous job they have done. Riley, Morgan, Taleena & Lucy are finishing Year 12 and have accepted Honourary Show Society Membership for 12 months. They have been members of the Junior Show Committee for 5 years and we are very grateful for what they have contributed to the Show Society. We also thank Tremayne Olive and Connor Outen-Scott who have also accepted Honourary Membership and have been members with the Junior Committee during their time at High School.

NEW MEMBERS:- We welcome new members Kay Hohenhaus, Lex & Dixie Sawatzki, Cheryl Ash & Sterling Olive to the Committee. As you might gather, there is a little bit more to the Show Society than just putting on an Annual Show, so we welcome your support.

GROUNDS STEWARD:- We thank Merve Matthews for agreeing to take on this role.

SHOW MEETING:- We would really like to see more Stewards and Members attend this meeting to be held on Tuesday 11th November. The attendance at the last meeting was very disappointing, however, we still held the workshop, and a lot of good suggestions were forthcoming, and these will be up for adoption at this meeting. Major changes are being planned regarding parking on the grounds on both Friday & Saturday, which must be done to accommodate our need for more Trade Space, larger crowds and Risk Management requirements. It would be wonderful to see a representative from every Section of the Show represented at this meeting!

CHIEF STEWARDS:- The deadline for changes to the Schedule is getting close, so if you have not done so yet, I must have your changes before the **14th November**.

HORSE STEWARDS MEETING:- The next Horse Stewards Meeting is on Wednesday 12th November, where we will be finalising the program and Judges. Parking and Safety issues are also high priority and are on the agenda. While we have filled the position of Chief Horse Steward, we are still needing more Stewards (we require at least 30 Stewards on the day to allow us to run a well organised and safe horse show.)

PRIME CATTLE YARDS:- We were very pleased to hear that we had been successful for the Gambling Benefit Grant of \$18,000-00 to finish the upgrade of the Cattle Yards. The Stewards have already removed all the old existing yards, and rebuilding will commence shortly. Chief Steward Ross Oppermann hosted a Sausage Sizzle at the yards last Sunday morning to thank the Donors of the Steel Rails for their support for the previous upgrade. The Donors were presented with their name plaques, which were attached to the appropriate cattle yard. They also brought along their family cattle brands which were imprinted on the Exhibitors Cattle Brand Board, which is hanging on the Cattleman's Bar at the Yards. Name plaques were also erected recognising previous Chief Stewards. I recommend a walk around these yards, it is some history in the making!. The Show Society thank Ross and his team for their initiative and hard work which they have put into this project.

UPGRADE IN AG/ FRUIT & VEG PAVILION; We thank Ross Gilbert for the work he did in lining the northern wall of this section. It has made a huge difference, making the area brighter and gives more usable space for displays.

COOK REQUIRED:- We have not had any success with finding a Catering Convener, and while we have employed a lady to help Joy with the prep work she is only available during school hours & not at weekends, which is not really helpful. We are therefore looking for a casual cook, (paid position). Joy could still handle the convening, and we still need our volunteer base for serving and cleaning up after the function. Until we can fill this position, we can not take any bookings for functions, and this means we are losing a huge avenue for fund raising. Please let me know if you can recommend anyone who may be interested in this position. We have a huge opportunity of running a Catering facility for the Show Society if we can fill this position and promote functions at the Showgrounds Dining Hall.

CARAVAN PARK:- The Caravan Park has been extremely busy throughout the year, with the permanent sites full and a large number of overnighers and Clubs using the camping grounds. Backpackers are also here now for the local farm work. They have been very understanding during the upheaval with the development, and are now enjoying the results! It is a constant job for our Caretakers Lorraine & Bob and we are very thankful for what they do. The old Amenities block found a new home at Kalbar, so it is good to know the building will still be used, but not as an amenities block!

MILLION TREES INITIATIVE:- The Show Society received a grant from Scenic Rim Council to supply 350 trees under this scheme, and they have been planted along the northern bank of Salt Gully, in an attempt to reduce some of the salinity problems on the grounds and provide shade. Thanks to Mark Eather who has co-ordinated this project with the help of Palen Creek Prison and the S.R. Council for supplying the trees. If only it would rain!!.

EVENTS:-

The Southern Cross Charity Poker Run was a huge success .

Ulysses Motor Bike South Qld Branch annual Blues Charity Rally was not as big as expected. We need a follow up meeting to fine tune the planning if it is to become an annual event. Many thanks for our helpers for these events.

SHOW BALL COMMITTEE & NIGHT SHOW COMMITTEE:- If anyone is wanting to be involved and contribute to either of these Committees please contact either Anthony Nieblinjg on 04259 899 930 or myself. We are certainly looking for more support on these committees, especially from our younger members.

CLYDESDALE SPECTACULAR:- This Committee are well into planning the event for 2015. They are combining the event with a Scottish Highland Gathering and it will be held on the weekend 30-31st May.

SHOW DATE FOR 2015 IS 15-16 MAY.

Best wishes to everyone, and a happy Christmas!

Beth Hern
Secretary.