

Boonah Show Society Newsletter

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Date Claimers	Meeting Dates
Show Ball 11 TH May, 2019	Management Committee Meeting :- Tuesday 24 th July, 2018
Boonah Show:- 31 st May & 1st June, 2019	Show Meeting:- Tuesday 21st August, 2018
Show Campdraft:- 9 June, 2019	Annual General Meeting Tuesday 25 th September, 2018
Clydie Spectacular:- 15 th & 16 th June, 2019	

SHOW REPORT. Once again, what a great Show!! Everyone should be feeling very proud to see all your hard work come together in such a wonderful way. Listening to the Steward reports at our Thank you Dinner showed how passionate everyone is about their Section, and you should all be feeling very proud with the results. We had beautiful weather, near record gate takings, magnificent displays in all the Sections and no major incidents. Some nitty-gritty problems were discussed at our last Management meeting, and will be on the agenda for the first planning meeting on the 21st August. There are always ways to improve our Show, and we can do this by addressing these minor issues.

We are very sorry to receive the resignations of 4 of our Chief Stewards. Viv May has been running the Caged Bird Section for more than 60 years, and this year we recognised this mammoth effort by naming the Cage Bird Shed in his honour. Ross Oppermann has run the Prime Cattle Section since 2006, and has initiated major changes in this Section, and according to many visiting Judges, this is one of the best Prime Cattle Shows in Qld! Robyn Christoffel has been Chief Steward for the Agriculture Section since 2008, and has been presenting great displays of our local produce with a lot of artistic flair not expected in an Agriculture Section! Rick Stanfield took on the role of Chief Horse Steward in 2015, and unfortunately feels he can not continue owing to work commitments. We sincerely thank them for all the work and effort they have put into these Sections, making them such a vital part of our show. They will be sorely missed. These positions are now waiting to be filled.

SHOW ED was a huge success with the Students this year. We have had great reports from the participating schools, and also from many of the presenters. Many thanks to all the presenters for taking this on. I know it is a "full on" day, and in many cases, a whole new experience, and we really appreciate what you do. I'm sure it is having results, judging by the number of Junior Exhibits we receive at show time, and the enthusiasm and interest being shown in the Show by our Schools. I think it goes a long way towards making our show so successful in our community.

REGIONAL AWARDS:- The Miss Showgirl and Rural Ambassador Awards Dinner was held at Esk on Saturday night, 14th July. Our Miss Showgirl Sarrah Yates and Rural Ambassador Tamika McAllister represented us very

proudly, and both girls were great Ambassadors for Boonah. The standard of these entrants at Regional level always amazes me. The Miss Showgirl Award went to Lowood Show Society Entrant and Runner up was Gatton Show, and the Rural Ambassador was Rosewood Show and the runner up was Marburg Show Society. We sincerely thank Sarrah & Tamika for representing Boonah, and we look forward to having both ladies involved with our show in the future.

GAMBLING BENEFIT GRANT:- This Grant of \$35,000-00 was received in April, and will be used towards the cost of a large shed, to go beside the Muller Pavilion. We were hoping to have it built before the show, but the project is being held up owing to the necessity of obtaining Building Approval and Material Change of Use Applications required by Council. We are in the process of working through this, and with the help of funds donated by Joy McDougall, the building will be called the Ross McDougall Pavilion.

OFFICE BUSINESS:- We have ordered the "Showday Online" program, and just waiting for the Show Schedule to be downloaded on to it, should have it all up and running by the time you receive this newsletter. Our IT Support Team at Shift are hosting the program, so all Stewards who are wishing to have direct access to work on their section will be able to do so easily. Once Jeanette & I have got our heads around it, and have everything updated, we will have a workshop for those Stewards who are wishing to know about the program, and how it works. Jeanette and I are really excited about it, so I hope we still feel that way in 6 months time!!!

CLYDIE SPECTACULAR:- Congratulations to Rick and his team on organising another very successful Clydie Spectacular. This event attracts a large crowd of visitors to the area, the Caravan Park was packed for the weekend with people booked in especially for the event. This followed on from the Show at the beginning of June, The Show Campdraft & Poultry Show the following week, then the Zone 1 Brisbane based Pony Club Camp for 5 days which also filled the grounds with campers, finishing off a very busy month of June.

NEW WOODWORK ROOM:-Following a proposal put forward by Ross Gilbert at our last Management Meeting, major changes are happening with the old Grandstand attached to the Pavilion. This structure was long past "its used by date", no longer met safety standards and was past repair, so the plan presented was to dismantle the grandstand, concrete the floor area & enclose the area as a display room for the rapidly growing Woodwork Section. This would allow us to have more portable grandstands built to extend all along the Arena fence, and trade stalls to also extend along this area at Show time. Ross has gathered a team of volunteers, the grandstand is gone, and with the assistance of some tradesmen, the work is progressing very quickly. Having this done, will also allow the Horticulture Section to extend their display area. Having doubled the number of entries this year, they are looking for more space!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:- It is many years since we last ran a membership/volunteer drive, and having come across a flyer which we have previously used, we have revamped it, and it will be sent out via bulk postage to all households in the District as soon as we have them printed and folded. This flyer is as much about what our Show Society does, and why we do it, as it is about obtaining new members or volunteers. A large membership base puts our committee in a much stronger position when it comes to applying for Grants and also, in sharing the load! Keep this in mind when talking with people, often a personal invitation to be part of this great team is much better than any flyers we may send out!

SINCERE THANKS:- Once again, the Management Committee sincerely thank everyone who was involved in any way with our most successful Show, our Members & Volunteers, Junior Show Committee, you always do an amazing job, our wonderful Show Partners & Sponsors, and all the other Volunteers and Community Groups who are involved. It takes a huge team of workers, and the Show could not happen without you all!!

Please mark the date for the next Show Meeting and the Annual Meeting into your diary, come along and show your support, and help to get the 2019 Show on the road! Your Annual Membership fee will be due in September.

Regards,
Beth Hern Secretary