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**RBS Showgirl Entrants with the winning exhibits of the RBS Agricultural Art Prize and the RBS Young Painters Award "Whitely Memorial":** Skye Veech, Liberty Smith, Miss Showgirl Runner Up 2019 Laura Van Uum, Miss Showgirl 2019 Steph Ferguson, Sarah Cheeseman

## RELIANCE BANK ROYAL BATHURST SHOWGIRL 2020

THE RELIANCE BANK ROYAL BATHURST Showgirl competition is held each year to find a young woman aged between 18-24 to be an ambassador for our region. The 2019 Royal Bathurst Show winner was Steph Ferguson, with Laura Van Uum an admirable runner up.

For nearly 60 years, the word Showgirl in regional NSW has inspired women – many of whom went on to be future leaders – in country towns to represent their region. In modern times, some are quick to point to the pageantry of the event, however in doing so they miss the importance of this program to women living in regional NSW. This competition is described by entrants as an empowering experience which increases their self-confidence and sense of self.

The entrants are judged on their community involvement, rural and general knowledge, together with their understanding of the agricultural show movement. Judges also

consider presentation, confidence, life goals and public speaking when considering entrants, and these skills are developed with the help of mentors throughout the competition. This is a platform where young women have the opportunity to learn personal development and leadership skills which will serve them throughout their lives.

2019 Royal Bathurst Showgirl, Miss Ferguson is studying Veterinary Medicine and upon graduation plans to bring her skills back to the rural communities where she grew up. She is passionate about youth and women in agriculture and has had a hands on role in the running of her family property. Steph recognises that by holding the title of Royal Bathurst Showgirl she is inspiring young women in the agricultural community as they often can feel anonymous in what has been a male dominated industry. Times are

changing and more women are engaged in the operational management of rural properties, as well as supporting and caring for family. Steph plans to raise awareness of the contribution rural women make on their family, friends and local community through improving access to education and providing a voice for women in regional areas.

Steph will be representing the Royal Bathurst Show and competing at the Zone 6 Final at Dubbo on Saturday 22 February 2020. If successful, she will travel to Sydney in April and compete in The Land Sydney Royal Showgirl competition. We wish her the best of luck and look forward to being in the audience to support her.

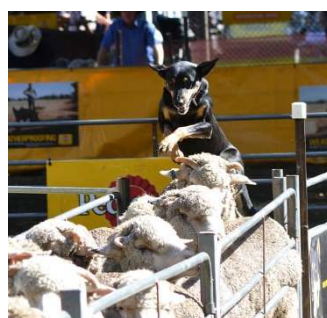
The Royal Bathurst Showgirl competition is now calling for entrants aged between 18-24. If you are interested, or simply wish to have a chat about the competition, please contact Vicki Wilson on 0448 828 369



# 151st Royal Bathurst Show Photo Gallery



**Royal Bathurst Show 2019 - Clockwise from top left:** Chris Ringrose from Harvest Cafe with a firey cooking display; an immaculate side saddle performance; Stannies had a big presence all over the show; Show Cllr. Christopher Morgan and Dom from 2BS/B-Rock chatting with Team D-Max; G&R Rayner's "Pomanara" took out the Grand Champion Merino Fleece; Scots All Saints College took out the Cattle Junior Champion School Female ribbon; Alpacas are always a hit in the Nursery; another huge equestrian display thanks to McIntosh McPhillamy & Co and all our sponsors.



**Royal Bathurst Show 2019 - Clockwise from top left:** Allannah Grace setting a high standard in the ring; everyone looks good in a hat, our Chief Sheep Steward needs to watch out; Bathurst Vignerons in the Cec English Pavilion; Blayney High Cattle Team; G&R Rayner of "Pomanara" took out the Grand Champion Merino Ram; the Pedigree Yard Dog Section gets better and better every year; Pony Club events are always a hit at the Show.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Col McPhee, President

I AM INCREDIBLY excited to officially begin my term as President of the Bathurst Agricultural Horticultural & Pastoral Association this year, replacing the leadership of our amazing outgoing long term past President, the Hon. Sam Faraway MLC.

I've had a long history with the *Royal Bathurst Show* becoming a member when I was 18 years old. I've served on the Show Council for 28 years, am an honorary life member, and a member of the Executive Committee serving as Vice President for the last few years. In 2018 I was honoured to be awarded the inaugural *RAS of NSW*

*Agricultural Shows Award* for "exemplary long service to the association in support of the *Royal Bathurst Show*."

All these years I've been involved with the Yard Dogs section as Chief Steward, with the support of many of the local farmers who make this section so successful. My daughter, Kirby has also worked closely with me during the last few years and will ensure that the Yard Dogs section continues to run smoothly.

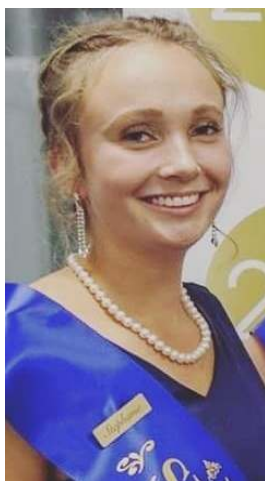
As incoming President, my goal is to promote excellence in agriculture by providing informative and exciting displays, for each of the three days of our Show, so that the younger generation can see the relevance and future of the agriculture sector.

I look forward to working closely with the Section Stewards and the entire team to bring together a fantastic show, the best in country NSW. I hope to see you all there and look forward to meeting you.

## RBS SHOWGIRL 2019

I REMEMBER in primary school, announcing to my grandma that we were doing a collection for the Black Saturday bushfires in Victoria. I remember her placing a crisp, yellow \$50 note in my hands and her threatening the wrath of Satan if I lost it. I also remember being amazed she trusted me with the money and even more so the number of other kids cramming those yellow notes in the donation boxes. It's what we do. We are Australians and we stand up for our mates.

I've spent the past three months travelling with a Vet in the USA and Canada. Every single place I have been the locals have welcomed me with open arms. Simply because I am Australian. This speaks volumes to our character and reputation internation-



ally. We have recently faced a terrible disaster. One that potentially threatens our very way of life, these fires are still burning and are expected to continue in the months to follow. My heart and prayers goes out to the people that have lost everything – homes, loved ones, pets, livestock and livelihoods. But we are Australian. We love this sunburnt country and we will rebuild. The spirit of our ancestors, the diggers who were renowned for resilience and mateship flows strong within all of us. From the fires

fighting to protect our homes, to the kids going to school every day, despite what they have lost. To the parents down the road helping at the local emergency shelter.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR PRESIDENT

**Q: How long would you last in a zombie apocalypse?** A: Not long...

**Q: What did you think was cool then, when you were young, but isn't cool now?** A: Trousers with flares!

**Q: If you could write one new law that everyone had to obey, what law would you create?** A: That all children under the age of 10 get a free ice-cream on Australia Day.

**Q: What skill or talent would you like to master?** A: Plaiting leather whips

**Q: Would you rather talk like Yoda or breathe like Darth Vader?** A: Breathe like Darth Vader

**Q: If you could swim in any liquid - what would you choose and why?** A: The river, as that would mean that it is running.

**Q: Would you rather fight 100 horse sized ducks, or 100 duck sized horses?** A: Definitely the latter!!



Now is the time to let that Australian spirit shine through. Now is not the time to play the blame game. We need to look for the hope following this disaster – the stories that warm your heart, the koala saved by the fireman, the supplies donated and the Sikh volunteers feeding our communities. Lift your communities up, reach deep into your hearts and if you can – your pockets.

There's so many things you can do to help and it only takes a few moments – donate, send a message, call a friend, just do!

It's unfortunately times like this where we are reminded of how lucky we are to be Australian. Simply because, at the end of the day there is someone out there to watch your back. Chin up mate, let's look ahead and start planning the rebuild.

*Steph Ferguson*

## ROYAL BATHURST SHOW 2020 NEWS

DUE TO A date clash with the Young Dressage Association Championships and after some discussion with competitors, we have decided not to conduct Dressage classes in 2020. We plan to have Dressage classes back in 2021. We apologise for any inconvenience.

*After discussion with the Bathurst Pony Club who co-host our Pony Club Day, we have decided to integrate Pony club classes back into our Main Show as they always were. We believe this will enable more competitors to have the chance to compete and to highlight the Pony Club movement.*



We are delighted to announce our feature breeds for 2020. Feature breeds are important as they offer the opportunity for participants to benchmark their livestock, receive feedback from industry judge's, and most importantly a platform to educate and engage with consumers about their breed.

**Murray Greys** are our feature breed for the 2020 Royal Bathurst Show Cattle Section. We are excited to showcase such an attractive breed that was created in the Murray Region from the mating of an Angus bull and a roan Shorthorn cow. Initially kept as a curiosity, it wasn't long until they discovered that these cattle were good in temperament and easy to calve with quick growing calves. The breed is best known for high yielding carcasses with excellent eye muscle and optimum fat cover.

**Corriedales** are the feature breed in the Sheep Section. Selectively and purpose cross bred from progeny of pure Merino & Lincoln sheep as a dual purpose animal with good meat characteristics and commercial wool production.



Well known for their strong constitution and reputation as "good doers", we are looking forward to highlighting this breed at the 2020 Show.

The hit of the 2019 livestock sections the **Cattle Hoof & Hook** competition is returning with only a few changes to the weight categories and increased entry allowances. Check your schedule for more information. The **Hoof & Hook presentation night** will again be held at the **Bridge Hotel Perthville** in the week after the show.

## YOUNG RURAL ACHIEVERS PROGRAM 2020

### THE MCINTOSH MCPHILLAMY YOUNG RURAL ACHIEVERS

Competition is an important part of the **Reliance Bank Royal Bathurst Show** schedule.

It is awarded to encourage and reward our youth for their interest and involvement in local and national agricultural issues, the Royal Bathurst Show and the Show movement generally.

Judging criteria includes personal presentation and promptness, a written entry and resume, interests in community projects, shows and agricultural interests. Participants should have sound knowledge of both local and general issues with a background in rural or regional interests.

The Rural Achievers program has gained a legacy of championing young leaders and individuals who want to drive positive change for ru-

ral and regional NSW. It provides invaluable networking and personal development opportunities.

The Head Steward, Ms. Wilson is the proprietor of local agribusiness **Town & Country Rural Supplies Landmark** and has been a staple

These awards are proudly sponsored by **McIntosh McPhillamy & Co** with fantastic prizes. The overall winner is an association ambassador for the next twelve months, and assists with the Award programme at the 2021 Show.



part of the community since her transfer to the region in 1985. Ms. Wilson has received numerous awards recognising her invaluable contribution to the community. Entrants to the Young Rural Achievers Competition are well served having Ms. Wilson at the helm as she continues to inspire community involvement.

Entries are now open. We will be heading out to speak with the local schools when the term resumes about this award and how to enter.

If you, or someone you know is interested in participating in this amazing opportunity to be an ambassador for our region, please contact Vicki Wilson on 0448 828 369.

Entries close 6 March 2020.



## THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT

THE BATHURST AH&P would like to thank outgoing President, the **Hon. Sam Faraway MLC** for his hard work and unstinting dedication to our Association.

Sam has been involved with the Council & Executive of the Association for over 10 years and his commitment to improving the Reliance Bank Royal Bathurst Show has ensured the longevity of the event.

We are privileged to have seen Sam develop his skills and leadership within our Association. Whether it was his community involvement, running the family business or volunteering countless hours to the running of the Show—he led from the

front and is the benchmark to which youth in regional areas should aspire.

We wish Sam all the best with his appointment to the Legislative Council of NSW and thank him for his contribution to our Association.



## 2020 PRIME LAMB COMPETITION

2020 WILL SEE the return of our **Prime Lamb Competition** at the Reliance Bank Royal Bathurst Show.

The competition will see top quality livestock vying for the **Jagoe Cup** for the Most Successful Exhibitor in the Prime Lamb classes.

An exciting showcase that identifies the exhibit which shows capabilities of producing prime offspring, or in the case of a non-breeding exhibit, one which shows outstanding qualities of design, texture, colour and uniqueness.

Held on Sunday 26 April 2020 the exhibits will then be auctioned with points going towards the overall winner.

Competitions like this are important as they provide valuable feedback to breeders, as well as helping to determine any changes to breeding programs. They are also a great education experience for the novice.

This is a great return to the Show and we hope to see you there supporting the auction. *The Cattle Hoof & Hook Competition is also being held on the Sunday morning.*

For any queries or further information, please contact Head Steward Bill Gilbert – (02) 6331 7722 or 0407 440 563.

## REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT THE **Agricultural Shows of Australia Inaugural Conference** Gala Dinner held 18 January 2020, **Senator the Hon. Bridget McKenzie**, Minister for Agriculture, reminded attendees of the commitment by the Federal government to supporting Agricultural Shows through the **Agricultural Shows Infrastructure**

**Grants** (ASIG) as she announced two initiatives relating to the Ag Show Movement.

She made an offer for the **national Rural Ambassador** (Rural Achiever), to take up an invaluable internship to work in her office over the next two years.

She also announced the reopening of the ASI Grants for bushfire affected communities.

This is fantastic news which highlights the importance of Agricultural Shows in NSW on our regional communities.



## BITS & PIECES

**YOUNG FARMERS BUSINESS PROGRAM CONFERENCE** will be held on 7 Feb 2020 at Dubbo. A chance for young farmers to get started in business or expand their existing business, and connect them with business people. Speakers include former Wallaby Stirling Mortlock, Mark Bouris and Chris Helder.

**SHOWGIRL DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND** 29 Feb - 1 March 2020. Anyone considering entering the Showgirl competition, should not miss this weekend.

**BATHURST HERITAGE TRADES TRAIL** will run 28-29 March 2020. A showcase of rare and lost trades and crafts including blacksmithing, saddlery, dry stone walling, whip cracking & making, glass artistry and so much more!

**WESTERN GROUP OF SHOW SOCIETIES NEXT MEETING** will be Saturday 8 Feb 2020 at Dubbo. We send three delegates to these meetings. If you are interested in attending, please contact the office to discuss.

**ASC AWARDS** Two new Show Awards have been announced—Supporting your Community through Fire Award & through Drought Award. Nominations close 14 February 2020

**STEWARDS & VOLUNTEER TRAINING** - Don't forget there will be another opportunity for to undertake our Steward Accreditation Training on 14 March 2020. Open to anyone over 14 years old.

**It is essential that all Show Councillors & existing Stewards attend Steward Accreditation Training.**

**VOLUNTEERS** - we are always on the lookout for volunteers for our events and to work in the office. There are plenty of jobs and it can be rewarding and lots of fun. We have roles for anyone from 14-85 If you know of someone who may be interested have them contact us.

## BAH&PA SEASONAL MARKETS

PREPARATIONS ARE well under-way for the **2020 Seasonal Markets** at the Bathurst Showground.

The markets are important as they give us the opportunity to highlight local businesses, growers, makers and hobbyists throughout the year.

2019 ended with the Pet Fun Day at the Christmas Market, which increased awareness of the charitable aspects of the Association. We saw



more than 60 stallholders and increased marketing of the event significantly boosted attendance. Special thanks to

**2BS/B-Rock, 2MCE, Bathurst City Life and Western Advocate** for their promotion.

The Pavilion was full and the grassed area well utilised and completely surrounded by stalls. The BAH&PA BBQ was well supported and

patrons were able to chat with various Stewards and Show Councillors on hand to talk about the 2020 show.

Our next market is in Autumn—Sunday 15 March 2020. It will feature all things apple-y. Make sure you save the date for our inaugural **Applefest**. Come along and join us.



## ASC NEXT GEN

THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES Council Next Gen is the youthful extension of the ASC for those aged between 18-35 years of age.

They aim to provide guidance and support through collaboration and education and by engaging and supporting youth in the NSW Agricultural Shows Movement to ensure its' continuation and progression.

There are scholarship programs on offer, together with fantastic social

events, and opportunities to participate in personal and professional development training, as well as a network for youth involved in their local agricultural shows.

If you are interested in being involved in the ASC Next Gen, contact the Show Office on 6331 3175.



## SPOTLIGHT ON PET FUN DAY 2019

INSPIRED BY NSW Showgrounds' housing families and animals during the bushfires, our association worked hard to put together a **Pet Fun Day** during our Summer Market to raise money to donate to one of them.



The **Manning River Agricultural & Horticultural Show Society Taree Inc** was selected and all proceeds raised were hand delivered by our Secretary.

There was an incredible turn out for the inaugural Pet Fun Day with many passers by commenting that they can't wait to attend next Christmas. Participants ranged from snakes and dogs to ferrets and galahs and all at-

tendees had an amazing day with smiles aplenty.

We would like to thank our incredible sponsors—**Bathurst Tack Box, Davmac Kennels and Ken Shaw**—for their amazing prizes. **Best Paws Forward** entertained the crowd and offered advice for naughty puppies on the day. Special thanks to the **Noonan Family** for their efforts on the day corraling multiple animals and the





## EDUCATION - NEW LITTLE STEWARD PROGRAM

ON 2 OCTOBER 2019 the Bathurst AH&P ran their first ***Little Stewards Program*** for kids aged 5-12 years of age during vacation care. The day was a resounding success and we have already received membership applications from some of our Little Stewards.

This is an exciting opportunity and one we hope to expand on in coming years as we develop the program and educate the youth of our region in

the importance of agriculture, craft and cookery.

Massive thanks to all the volunteers for all their help running this day—this would not be possible if not for your dedication and support. Not only did the kids have a fantastic time, so did the adults! We hope to hold more of these programs, so if you have a skill or an animal, or an idea that you feel the kids may be interested in, contact the office.



Little Stewards learnt the finer points of show preparation and experienced fleece and meat sheep and alpacas, handled fleece, and decorated biscuits.

## THE SECRETARY

THE THINGS A SECRETARY IS called upon to do for their associations (refer to the photo).

2019 has been an interesting year. We've seen the best and worst of it, and unfortunately 2020 is shaping to test us even further. We will get through it by helping each other and maintaining our focus on our objectives.

The example of community support and volunteering around the bushfires has been nothing less than amazing. Close to home, the efforts by the Palmers Oakey crew and everyone involved in combating the fires in our region was inspiring, many of them members and patrons of our association.

On the other side, sadly, long standing competitor Patrick Salway and his father lost their life protecting their property in Cobargo. Our thoughts go out to his wife Renee and their family. He will be widely missed from the horse world.

What's on the horizon? Our 152nd annual agricultural show dominates, but also maintaining our existing campaigns and developing new advocacy initiatives, and lots more.

Attending the inaugural national agricultural show conference in January reconfirmed for me the importance of our focus on what we do and more importantly why - to promote, educate and develop agriculture and our regional life. I came away positive that we are on the

right track, and more importantly with some great ideas. Especially from the example of the Erie County Fair in New York State. More on that later. ***Stay safe and buy local!***





## Calendar

Feb 8	Western Group of Shows Meeting (Dubbo)
Feb 8	Oberon Show (12)
Feb 8	Rydal Show (12)
Feb 14-15	Dunedoo Show (12)
Feb 21-22	Rylstone Show (12)
Feb 23	Sofala Show (11)
Mar 6-7	Boorowa Show (7)
Mar 6-8	Mudgee Show (12)
Mar 14	Steward Training
Mar 15	Apple Fest - Autumn Show-ground Markets
Mar 14	Blayney Show (11)
Mar 20-22	Lithgow Show (12)
Mar 21	Cumnock Show (11)
Mar 28-29	Mendooran Show (12)
Apr 3-14	Sydney Royal Easter Show
Apr 18	Royal Bathurst Show Dinner
Apr 24-26	Royal Bathurst Show (11)
May 2	Gilgandra Show (11)
May 9	Bourke Show (11)
May 9-10	Orange Show (11)
May 12	Yeoval Show (11)
May 15-16	Cobar Show (11)
May 16	Wellington Show (11)
May 17-18	Nyngan Show (11)
May 22-24	Dubbo Show (11)
May 26-27	Coonamble Show (11)
May 30	Gulargambone Show (11)
Jun 6	Warren Show (11)
Jul 19	Winter Fest - Showground Markets
Aug 8	Western Group of Shows Meeting (Dubbo)
Oct 3-4	BAHPA Spring Show (11)
Oct 4	Spring Fair - Showground Markets
Oct 10	Trunkey Creek Show (11)
Oct 16-17	Cowra Show (10)
Oct 17	Tooraweenah Show (11)
Oct 26	AGM
Oct 31	Carcoar Show (11)
Nov 14	Neville Show (11)
Dec 13	Christmas - Showground Summer Markets

A number of Management & Standing Committee meetings are held regularly such as SHOW COUNCIL, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, The HORSE, CATTLE & PAVILION SECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

If you would like to find out about attending, providing input or getting involved please contact us.

## KEEP US FARMING

AS AN AGRICULTURAL, horticultural and pastoral association we take our objectives very seriously. We aren't just a Show Society, we're here to promote, educate & develop.

2019 and the lead in to 2020 has seen our country ravaged by weather extremes, with our farmers, towns and people working hard to try and adapt and outlast one of the worst droughts in recorded history - and now the dust storms and bushfires have torn through our State.

Our RFS volunteers have worked tirelessly throughout the summer and our farmers are well supported by their local produce stores who do their best to source well priced feed for livestock. It isn't just the farmer who struggles, it's the entire town - the drought impacts all. The emergence of national campaigns such as "Buy From the Bush" and "Empty Esky" encourages us to buy local and support your neighbour. These campaigns have been hugely successful with many small and on-farm businesses selling record amounts of stock in the lead up to Christmas.

### *The future of farming is in your wallet & on your table.*

Australia's agricultural shows began in the 1820's to promote and develop agriculture in the colony. They have weathered drought, wars, floods, product price slumps and financial crisis and the importance of these Shows is all the more evident during times of difficulty as they are unequalled at bringing communities together. These Shows are run by the community for their community, and offer the chance to educate the wider community on what a contemporary farmer looks like.

As farming changes and we see the rise of corporations, educating the general public about the importance of farming and its role in our day to day lives becomes even more significant.

As we move towards the **2020 Royal Bathurst Show** we are acutely aware of the hard work of our members and volunteers, we are reminded of the words of Coretta Scott King *"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."* **Buy local, from the bush.**

## BOOK LAUNCH



WE ARE VERY PROUD of our long standing Show Councillor and tireless Pavilion Head Steward, Kerri Small who has had her book **"Cornerstone"** published.

The launch will be held at Club York in Sydney on 21 March 2020 and all members are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Kerri by 1 March 2020 to [ausdnahubmedia@gmail.com](mailto:ausdnahubmedia@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

2020 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS are now due. Don't just renew your membership; grab a membership for a friend or family member as a gift.

Fees have not risen for many years now and in relation to the Gate Entry price they are a good buy. Especially as you also have the opportunity to get involved in your Association.

Full	\$84	Open to persons 18 years of age and over
Single	\$44	Open to persons 18 years of age and over
Junior	\$22	Open to persons under the age of 18
Financial Life	\$840	Open to persons 18 years of age and over
Corporate	\$220	Open to businesses & for profit organisations
Associate	\$110	Open to community & not for profit organisations