



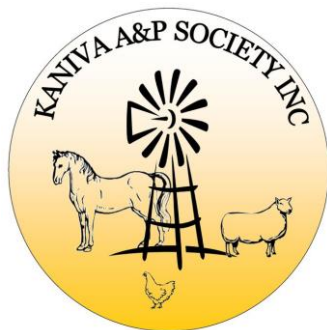
2024 VAS Ltd Annual Convention

Friday 28th June – Sunday 30th June 2024

Kaniva

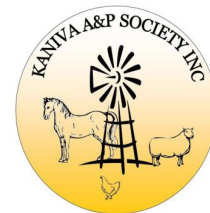


Hosted by the Kaniva A & P Society Inc.





21st Annual VAS Ltd Convention
Hosted by Kaniva A & P Society Inc.
Venue: Kaniva Community Hub
132 Budjik Street, Kaniva, VIC, 3419



Friday 28th June
Venue: Commercial Hotel Kaniva
39 Commercial Street, Kaniva, VIC, 3419

- 3pm - 5pm** **Secretaries Workshop** – Rod Bowles – VAS Executive Officer
(Workshop to be held at the Kaniva Community Hub)
- 5pm – 6pm** **Early Bird Networking/Registration**
(Registration badges to be worn at all times during the conference).
- 6pm – 8pm** **Welcome Function**
(Substantial finger food provided for dinner and drinks at bar prices)

Saturday 29th June
Venue: Kaniva Community Hub
132 Budjik Street, Kaniva, VIC, 3419

- 8am - 8.45am** **Registration** (Badges must be worn at all times during the conference)
- 8am - 9am** **Convention & State Final Competitions Drop Off** – Entries to be submitted to the registration area by 9am.
- 9am - 9.10am** **Opening Address** - Delegates to be seated in the Community Hub
- 9.10am - 10.45am** **VAS Committee Meetings** (Choose 1 Option)
 - Horse
 - Homecrafts
 - Livestock
 - OH&S, Attractions & Sponsorship
 - Marketing your Show Workshop
- 10.45am - 11.15am** **Morning Tea** *sponsored by "Victorian Showmen's Guild"*
- 11.15am – 11.30am** **Convention & State Final Competitions** – Entries to be submitted to the registration area by 11.30am
- 11.15am - 12pm** **Workshops** (Choose 1 Option)
 - Bronia Henty-Smith – Gallagher Insurance
 - Amy Piper – Showday Online
 - Helen Hobbs – Hobbs Digital & Marketing - Advertising & Marketing your Show
- 12.15pm - 1pm** **Workshops** (Choose 1 Option)
 - Bronia Henty-Smith – Gallagher Insurance
 - Amy Piper – Showday Online
 - Justine Sinclair – Showman’s Guild
- 1pm - 2pm** **Lunch Break**
- 2pm - 4pm** **Afternoon Tours/Workshops** (Choose 1 Option on next page)

Saturday Afternoon Tours/Workshops (Choose 1 Option)

Tour 1 – The Carrot Farm

Welcome to the Rocky Lamattina & Sons, Carrot Farm Tour in Kaniva! Join us on this exclusive experience on their 6,000-acre property, where cutting-edge technology and hard work combine to produce Australia's carrots. Established in 1991, this family-owned operation, led by Rocky and his sons, Angelo, Phillip, and John, processes up to 600 tonnes of carrots per week. Explore the cultivation, harvesting, and packing processes, guided by an agronomist and computer-operated irrigation system. To sweeten the tour, enjoy a delightful afternoon tea, featuring the VAS signature carrot cake. Don't miss this chance to discover the secrets behind quality carrot production. Join us for an informative and sweet journey through Lamattina's Kaniva carrot farm! If people want to go out to the carrot farm of their own accord on Sunday between 7am and 12noon they could see the carrots being harvested.

Tour 2 – The Train Tour

Uncover Kaniva's rail history on The Train Tour, beginning at the historic Serviceton Railway Station, established in 1887 as a junction station between Victoria and South Australia. Serviceton is home to the border dispute, which was finally settled in 1914 in London. As we travel back to Kaniva enjoy a tour and afternoon tea at the Overland Museum, a privately owned museum dedicated to preserving the history of this great Australian railway icon. Explore a nostalgic collection of railway memorabilia, photos, and a restored 1951 sleeping carriage, all reflecting the rich history of this iconic railway. 'All aboard and tickets please, the train on platform 5 is departing shortly!'

Workshop 1 – Growing Your Show

Join the Social Media & Marketing Workshop, where you'll enjoy an insightful session with Victorian State Rural Ambassador Louise Hobbs. Dive into personalised advice and one-on-one guidance as Louise helps you create a tailored plan to effectively market your show. Learn the art of managing dates and creating scheduled branded posts to save you time. Elevate your social media and marketing game with a strategic and impactful online presence. Afternoon tea is included. Don't miss this opportunity to grow your show, increase your volunteers and get 'more bums on seats'.

Workshop 2 – Showday Online

Enjoy your Saturday at the Showday Online Workshop, where you'll receive personalised assistance and exclusive time with expert Amy. Explore the versatile show management software, allowing you to effortlessly create and customise schedules for any competition, from show jumping to photography. With features for tracking entries, fees, and prizes; the software provides flexibility and ease of use. Join the workshop to optimise your show management experience, and enjoy an afternoon tea.

Convention Dinner Saturday Night 29th June

Dress code: Semi Formal - No Denim

Venue: Kaniva Community Hub, 132 Budjik Street, Kaniva, VIC, 3419

6.00pm onwards for a 6.30pm start

- 3-Course Dinner with drinks at bar prices
- VAS Ltd Junior Ambassador awards presentations
- Featuring Guest Speaker: T B C
- Announcements of Competition Winners
- Raffles will be drawn throughout the night
- Live Music by local country band "The Austins"

Sunday 30th June

Venue: Kaniva Community Hub, 132 Budjik Street, Kaniva, VIC, 3419

9am - 9.30am VAS Annual General Meeting

9.30am - 10.30am VAS Council Meeting

10.30am - 11am Morning Tea

Accommodation Options

Phone direct for best deals, quote 'VAS Convention' as rooms are being held.

Motels – Pet Friendly

- **Midway Motel – Phone:** (03) 5392 2515 – **Website:** <https://www.kaniva.org/midway-motel.html>
- **Travellers Inn Kaniva – Phone:** (03) 5392 2930 – **Website:** <https://travellersinnkaniva.com.au/>

Pub – Pet Friendly

- **Kaniva Commercial Hotel – Phone:** 0404 721 288 – **Website:** <https://commercialhotelkaniva.com/>
Boutique Style Hotel Accommodation including free continental breakfast.

Bed & Breakfast

- **Nash's Cottage - Phone:** 0439 329 362 or 0448 889 614 – **Website:** <https://www.kaniva.org/stay.html>
 - Self-contained house sleeps up to 6 people.
- **Donna's Place – Phone:** Donna 0428 375 709
 - 3 Bed 2 Bath self-contained house sleeps up to 6 people.

Caravan & Camping (No onsite vans or cabins – all pet friendly)

- **Kaniva Poolside Caravan Park – Phone:** 1800 526 482 – **Website:** <https://www.kaniva.org/caravan-park.html>
 - Grassed powered sites & brand-new amenities.
- **Kaniva Showgrounds/Rec Reserve**
 - Free self-sufficient RV/Caravan Camping
- **Commercial Hotel – Phone:** 0404 721 288
 - Free self-sufficient RV Camping
- **Serviceton Camping Ground – Phone:** 0419 032 418 – **Website:** <https://www.kaniva.org/serviceton-camping-ground.html>
 - Low cost RV camp 25mins out of Kaniva
- **Lake Charlegrark Caravan Park – Phone:** 0428 866 258 – **Website:** <https://lakecharlegrark.com.au/>
 - Powered and unpowered sites 35 mins out of Kaniva

Neighbouring Town Accommodation

Nhill - Located in the neighbouring township of Nhill, approximately 25 mins via car.

- **Zero Inn Motel – Phone:** (03) 5391 1622 – **Website:** <https://zeroinnnhill.com.au/>
- **Nhill Oasis Motel – Phone:** (03) 5391 1666 – **Website:** <https://www.oasismotel.com.au/>
- **Motel Wimmera – Phone:** (03) 5391 1444 – **Website:** <https://wimmeramotel.traveleto.com/>

Bordertown - Located in the neighbouring township of Bordertown, approximately 30 mins via car.

- **Sadie House – Phone:** 0402 040 139 – **Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/sadiehousebnb/>
- **Bordertown Motel – Phone:** (08) 8752 1444
- **105 On The Park – Phone:** (08) 8752 0922 – **Website:** <https://www.105onthepark.com.au/>