

# VICTORIAN AGRICULTURAL SHOWS LTD BOARD BULLETIN



March 2018



## Chairpersons Message – Jenny Daffy

Dear Members,

The Show season this spring was very different from last spring as we had lovely warm weather making it very pleasant. Shows have had positive feedback of having good crowds through the gates and people were very happy with the attractions that were provided by the shows.

VAS Ltd hosted the Agricultural Shows Australia (ASA) inaugural National Finals which were conducted at Taylors Lakes Hotel for the Rural Ambassador National Finals with the winner being Justin Matthews from Queensland and

Runner Up was Emily Ryan from New South Wales. The other national competitions consisting of Cattle paraders, Cattle judging and Sheep judging was conducted at the Royal Melbourne Show in September. The winner of the Keast Shield was won by Queensland. Meeting all these competitors and seeing how they all supported one another was amazing to see.

The Saddle Horse Championships was once again a very successful event held in January. The prediction of hot weather was dealt with by changing the timetable so that the classes were finished by 2pm on the Saturday and then commenced again at 6.30pm, which worked extremely well. The quality of horses was once again fantastic. Our partnerships with Racing Victoria and Harness Racing Victoria has seen an increase of classes which now include a child's ridden class. Racing Victoria has also included an Owner Rider class and Harness Racing Victoria has included two ridden standardbred classes for riders. All these classes proved to be very successful and well supported. We look forward to expanding the Off the Track Series.

The Board has updated its Rules for 'Discipline in Horse Sections at Shows' October 2017. So please read this very carefully as it includes a section on Prohibited Substances.

Unfortunately many people in the south west district and other parts of Victoria have been effected with recent fires. It is great to see that Showgrounds can play an important part to help in a time of need as refuge centres.

During the Sydney Royal Easter Show I attended as a delegate for Victoria at the Agricultural Shows Australia meeting where the VAS Executive Officer Rod Bowles has been successfully elected as a Director on the ASA Board for the next 2 years. It is great to have a voice on behalf of Victoria that can take matters forward for consideration.

I hope you all have had a successful Autumn Show season and I look forward to a good role up of delegates at the State Convention in Ballarat at the end of June.

**2018/19 Show Theme  
"Youth in Agriculture"**

## Saddle Horse Championships

The VAS Ltd Saddlehorse Championships on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 at the Bendigo Showgrounds was again a huge success showcasing horses that have qualified by competing at Victorian Affiliated shows across the state. With around 1000 entries, 340 horses and over 200 exhibitors there was a very high quality of horses that braved the warm weather. A huge thankyou goes to the many volunteers, stewards, judges and all exhibitors for once again a very successful show. For all the results go to the VAS Website.



## Racing Victoria Off the Track State Final

The Racing Victoria Off the State Final was held at the championships with again a great amount of support by exhibitors that had qualified at Victorian shows. The final was judged by Lisa McClelland (NSW), Casey Bruce (VIC) and Rod Symons (VIC) The winner of the 2018 State Final was Michelle Paynter's entry Chesta Pinton which received \$1000.00, Garland & Rug (Pictured to the right). The runner up was Excellingly exhibited by Sarah McMaster. The Highest Placed Off the Track in the last two years of retirement was won by Mr Kingbrown exhibited by Samantha McMaster. The Highest Placed Owner Rider was awarded to Catherine Neill riding Crosswind.



## Alabar Hero Series State Final

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Hero Series State Final was held at the championships with again a great amount of support by exhibitors with 27 entrants in the Final. The final was judged by Lisa McClelland (NSW), Kerry Manning (VIC) and Jahnae Parrish (VIC). The winner of the 2018 State Final was Rachel Stephenson's entry Paragon Minda, which received \$1000.00, Garland & Rug (Pictured to the left). The runner up was the previous year's winner Equity Wizzbang exhibited by Melissa Lampard. The Highest Placed Newcomer within two years of retirement was won by SquiggyMaguire exhibited by Lesa Van-Uitert.



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***VAS Ltd would like to thank Racing Victoria and Alabar for the continued support of the Off the Track and Rehoming programs for Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds.***

# 2018 Victorian National Final Representatives

During the year VAS has had a range of state competition finals which confirms who will represent Victoria at the National Finals in Adelaide early September this year. Good Luck to our representatives for each competition:

**Rural Ambassador:  
Sophie Cooke**



**Beef Cattle Parader:  
Georgia Nelson**



**Beef Cattle Judging:  
Harry Turnham**



**Fleece Judging:  
Ella McCarthy**



**Meat Sheep Judging:  
Tahlia Brown**



**Merino Sheep Judging:  
Adam Bennett**



**Dairy Cattle Judging:  
Patrick Anderson**



**Dairy Cattle Parader:  
Stacey Leppert**



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# Changes to the 2018/19 Competitions Kit

## VAS State Senior & Junior Photography Subject Change

The new subject for 2018/19 shows is "A Photo Featuring Water".

This theme will be used for two years.



## VAS State Knitting Competition Change

A hand knitted garment for an infant/child, up to 3 years of age.



## VAS State Crochet Competition

There will be no change to this competition.

## VAS State Carrot Cake Competition Change of Recipe

The new recipe as recommended by Geoff from Rocky Lamattina's that the Good Foods Australia award winning recipe is the recipe used for the State Carrot Cake competition.

PLEASE NOTE: The glaze has been removed from this recipe.

Every entry to this class at show level must use this recipe. Remember to update the recipe in your schedule.

### Ingredients

- 375 g Plain Flour
- 2 tsp Baking Powder
- 1 ½ tsp bicarb soda
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp ground nutmeg
- ½ tsp allspice
- 2 tsp salt
- 345 g castor sugar
- 375 ml vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- 3 medium carrots, grated (350 grams)
- 220 g tin crushed pineapple, drained
- 200 g pecans, chopped



### Steps

1. Preheat the oven to 180C (160C fan), Grease a 20cm round cake tin and line with baking paper.
2. Sift the dry ingredients together into a bowl. In a separate bowl, beat the eggs and oil, then add to the dry ingredients. Mix well then add the carrots, crushed pineapple and pecans. Mix to form a smooth batter and pour into the cake in.
3. Bake for approximately 40 minutes or until a bamboo skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean.
4. Remove from the oven and allow to cool for 10 minutes in the tin on a wire rack. Upend and allow to cool on the wire rack.

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Held at the Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre on the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018

Address: 613 Main Road, Ballarat, Vic, 3350

Coordinated by the VAS Ltd Board & Subcommittee

More information will be circulated at a later date  
VAS Ltd Office on Ph: 0354415555

**Convention includes:**

- VAS Ltd AGM
- Guest Speakers throughout the weekend on show related subjects
- 2018 Junior Ambassador State Final
- 2018 Carrot Cake & Muffin State Finals
- Sub-Committee Meetings
- Networking with other Show Societies
- Saturday Night Presentation Dinner

**2018 Convention Competitions**

Competition 1 – Traditional Homemade Apron



Competition 2 – Hand Decorated Novelty Apron (Any Theme)



Competition 3 – A collage of 5 photographs of your show societies pavilion displays eg. Homecrafts Pavilion. Displayed on a piece of cardboard up to 45cm x 50cm (size of photos 5" x 7")



**2018 State Dairy Parader & Judging Finals**

The state finals were held at International Dairy Week on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2018. The Dairy Cattle Parader competition was well supported and the 1<sup>st</sup> Place was Stacey Leppert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Leah Orton and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Georgia Sieben. The Dairy Cattle Judging competition results were 1<sup>st</sup> Place Patrick Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Zoe Hayes and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Cally O'Shannassy. Thank you to the Judges, Stewards and owners of the animals provided.



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## 2017 National Final Results

Victoria hosted the 2017 National Finals at the 2017 Royal Melbourne Show. VAS would like to thank all the stewards, judges, owners of the animals used throughout the competitions, sponsors and the competitors.

### 2017 National Meat Sheep Judging Results

Over Judge: Graeme Collins

WINNER: Joanna Balcombe - NSW  
 RUNNER UP: Tracey Bennett - QLD  
 THIRD: Mathew Hill - VIC  
 Finalist: Kira Batterbee - WA  
 Finalist: Tahlia Lockwood - SA  
 Finalist: Gabrielle Horton - TAS  
 Finalist: Emma Pollitt - NZ

### 2017 National Merino Sheep Judging Results

Over Judge: Michael Collins

WINNER: Matthew Baker - QLD  
 RUNNER UP: Lauren Rayner - WA  
 THIRD: Sam Phillips - NSW  
 Finalist: Jack Robertson - NZ  
 Finalist: Jackie Chapman - SA  
 Finalist: Adam Bennett - VIC  
 Finalist: Gabrielle Horton - TAS

### 2017 National Merino Fleece Judging Results

Over Judge: Mark Bazeley

WINNER: Caitlin Heppner - SA  
 RUNNER UP: Amy Hoogenboom - NZ  
 THIRD: Tessa Runting - VIC  
 Finalist: Jerod Blyton - NSW  
 Finalist: Rachel Spratt - WA  
 Finalist: Will Hacker - QLD  
 Finalist: Matilda Scott - TAS



### 2017 National Dairy Cattle Parader Results

Over Judge: Pat Nicholson

WINNER: Renee Anderson - VIC  
 RUNNER UP: Ryan Barker - TAS  
 THIRD: Tegan Afford - SA  
 Finalist: Shayne Gee - NSW  
 Finalist: Jessica Andony - WA  
 Finalist: Rebecca Daley - QLD  
 Finalist: Courtenay Davies - NZ

### 2017 National Dairy Cattle Judging Results

Over Judge: Michael Tuhan

WINNER: Craig Robertson NZ  
 RUNNER UP: Clinton Keir - QLD  
 THIRD: Stuart Lehman - TAS  
 Finalist: Taillem Brown - NSW  
 Finalist: Roxanna Schoof - WA  
 Finalist: Cally O'Shannassy - VIC  
 Finalist: Ollie Ablitt - SA

### 2017 National Beef Cattle Parader Results

Over Judge: Tania Guaren

WINNER: Pyper Page - TAS  
 RUNNER UP: David Bartley - QLD  
 THIRD: Clayton Ray - NSW  
 Finalist: Erin Arnott - VIC  
 Finalist: Aimee Court - WA  
 Finalist: Lucy Collin - NZ  
 Finalist: Duane Wilson - SA



### 2017 National Beef Cattle Judging Results

Over Judge: Peter Collins

WINNER: Damon Englund - TAS  
 RUNNER UP: Christopher Muller - SA  
 THIRD: Amy Birch - QLD  
 Finalist: Jack Laurie - NSW  
 Finalist: Monika Magalengo - WA  
 Finalist: Jessica Parker - VIC  
 Finalist: Courtenay Davies - NZ



### 2017 National Rural Ambassador Results

Over Judges: Noelene King, Ian Blades, Margot Falconer

WINNER: Justin Matthews - QLD  
 RUNNER UP: Emily Ryan - NSW  
 Finalist: Brad Kupsch - WA  
 Finalist: William Bray - SA  
 Finalist: Kirilee Beveridge - TAS  
 Finalist: Katerina Blekic - VIC  
 Finalist: Tabitha Hazlett - NZ

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### VAS Board Elections

Nominations for the VAS Board Elections have been circulated to all Secretaries with nominations closing 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018. If you are interested in a VAS board position nomination forms need to be signed by 2 voting delegates from a Society and submitted to the Company Secretary Rod Bowles by the due date. If in the event of more nominations than positions an election will be held. Members will need to be financial at the time of the election to be eligible to vote. The outcome of the elections will be announced at the VAS Convention in Ballarat at the end of June.

### Meritorious Awards

The board invites nominations from societies to put forward long serving show dedicated people to be recognised with a meritorious award. Applications can be sent to the Executive Officer with an attached summary of the persons contribution and the Board will assess the applications on merit.

### Council Meeting

The board has decided not to conduct a March Council Meeting due to lack of attendance in recent times at Council meetings. The next Council Meeting will be held at the 2018 Convention along with the AGM. A Council meeting will be held later in the year and it is planned that some regional meetings will be held in March/April 2019.

### Affiliations 2018/19

Please ensure that Affiliation forms are sent back, and payments are due by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. If you have misplaced your forms please contact the VAS office.

### Convention Host

The board has made a significant change to the criteria for a Convention host opening up the opportunity for any VAS affiliate (Show Society/Field day) to apply to host a Convention. This is a great opportunity to showcase your Society and hopefully raise some funds. Applications must be submitted to the Executive Officer for the Boards consideration. A host for next year's convention and beyond is still available, copy of the host requirements is available from the VAS office.

### Alabar Hero Series

To qualify in the Alabar Hero Series the rider can now be 12 years and over on the day of the qualifying show. Full competition regulations available on the VAS website or Secretaries competition kit.

### Members Area

Don't forget to utilize the Members Area on the VAS website. Plenty of useful information such as policy templates, competition guidelines, waivers etc. The password will change again on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2018 and will be provided to current affiliates as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

### Pony Club Affiliates

Criteria has been formed to allow pony clubs to be considered as affiliates of VAS. The Board has confirmed regulations for Pony Club to comply with prior to being accepted as an affiliate.

The Pony Club criteria can be accessed on the VAS website or by contacting the office.

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## **NEXT GENERATION COMMITTEE**

Are you interested in being involved in the Victorian Shows Next Generation Committee?

If you are between the ages 15 and 35 years and want to be involved, then get your Show Society to nominate you as their Next Gen Representative or email [info@vicagshows.com.au](mailto:info@vicagshows.com.au)

There will be a meeting in the coming months for next gen and this will be advised at a later date.



### **Message from the Chairperson Sherrie Lee**

In December we released our first newsletter, and we aim to produce a second one at the end of the show season.

If you would like to contribute or are keen to be a part of the Next Generation Sub-Committee, please contact Chloe Bowles at the VAS office or Sherrie Lee VAS Next Generation Chairperson.

The tail end of our agricultural show season is fast approaching which means our group finals will be just around the corner for our junior show and rural ambassadors for 2018. Our "Development day" for the Rural ambassador finalists will be held in June at a date TBC at Whittlesea Showgrounds to equip our finalist with as much information as required for the finals judging. This day will also include the annual "Young Judges Development Day" which aims to produce and promote young show horse judges 18-30 years of age for the upcoming show season. If you would like more information about the young judge's program such as the latest up-to-date version, please contact Sherrie Lee via email: [sherrie.lee1@live.com](mailto:sherrie.lee1@live.com)

We wish to congratulate two of our past rural ambassador winners- 2016 winner Katerina Blekic (Young Leader of the Year) and 2015 winner Sherrie Lee (Regional and Rural Health Award) who were named semi-finalists in their respective sections for this year's Victorian Young Achiever of the Year. It's great to see how our Rural Ambassador platform can be used to gain great experience, knowledge and presentation skills through this unique program.

We hope you are following our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/VASNextGen](http://www.facebook.com/VASNextGen) where you can find our special "Youth Involvement Ideas" that you can tailor and tweak to implement at your local show.

### **Message from the Vice Chairperson Jane Irvine**

It's been a busy 3 months for the members and competitors, with the VAS Saddle Horse Championships held at Bendigo Showgrounds, the competitors toughed out a very hot weekend, the committee did a great job rescheduling classes at the last minute, so the show could go on avoiding the heat in the middle of the day. This proved effective as the show was well supported despite the hot forecast.

Rochester's had a fabulous turnout yet again. Putting on a huge range of classes and entertainment for all. It's wonderful to see a small country town putting on a fabulous show.

Now is the time many shows are holding their annual general meetings in preparation to hosting their new agriculture shows, it's a good idea to check with the show secretary when your local meeting is to be held.

We look forward to the shows hosted in March, on all sides of the state from Gippsland to Northern Victoria. We wish all our members and supporters the very best of luck for the 2018 show season.



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