



VICTORIAN AGRICULTURAL SHOWS LTD

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2021

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If your Show Society/Field Day has an article that you would like included in future newsletters please send it through to info@vicagshows.com.au

The next newsletter will be published early August.

Also leading up to the Spring Show Season any advertisement (poster) for your Show can be published on the VAS Ltd Website on your individual Show Page and Event listing in the Show Calendar. Also Show Schedules can be sent and published to the website as well.

Please send all publications to info@vicagshows.com.au for inclusion on the website



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Convention

VAS Ltd looks forward to seeing all delegates at the Convention this coming weekend. It will be great to have so many Agricultural Show Enthusiasts in attendance. With the current restrictions we do ask all attendees bring their own mask and QR code will need to be scanned in by each attendee.

Subcommittee meetings will be held for Livestock, Horse, Homecrafts & OH&S, which is a chance to bring up new ideas and suggestions.

The convention also features the State Final competitions of the Junior Show Ambassador, Carrot Cake and Carrot & Date Muffins, which winners will be announced at the Convention Dinner on Saturday night.

A series of workshops will be held on the Saturday, which will include topics of interest such as COVID Safe Planning, Marketing, Insurance & OH&S.

**Friday 25th & Saturday 26th
June 2021**

All Seasons - Bendigo

Hosted by the VAS Ltd Board



Largest gathering of Victorian Agricultural Show delegates for the year and a great weekend to network and take ideas back to your Show Society.

Convention Competitions

If you have a keen exhibitor that would love to enter the below competitions at the Convention, make sure you send the exhibits along with your Show Delegate attending the Convention.

Pin Cushion

Maximum base size 15cm on any one side, any medium, any technique, 2 entries per Society only.



Cooking Competition – Yo-Yo's

Plate of 4, own recipe - weigh mixture into 15 gm balls before cooking. To be displayed on white plates only. One plate per Exhibitor, 2 entries per Society only.





Carrot Cake State Finalists

Grace Gilheany - Central & South Gippsland Group - Foster Show

Ian Kohlman - Central & Upper Goulburn Group - Kyneton Show

Judi Sykes - Gippsland Group - Bairnsdale Show

Dossie Parnell - Goulburn Valley Riverina Group - Cobram Show

June Lockie - Midlands Group - Clunes Show

Libby Garoni - North Eastern Group - Myrtleford Show

Catherine Rosewall - Northern District Group - Kerang Show

Alice Hirst - South Western Group - Port Fairy Show

Ann Norris - Western District Group - Tyrendarra Show

Elissa Keller - Wimmera Group - Warracknabeal Show



Junior Carrot Date Muffins State Finalists

Claire Gallagher - Central & Upper Goulburn Group - Kilmore Show

Chloe Scott - Gippsland Group - Sale Show

Felicity Geisler - Goulburn Valley Riverina Group - Cobram Show

Abby Coon - Midlands Group - Clunes Show

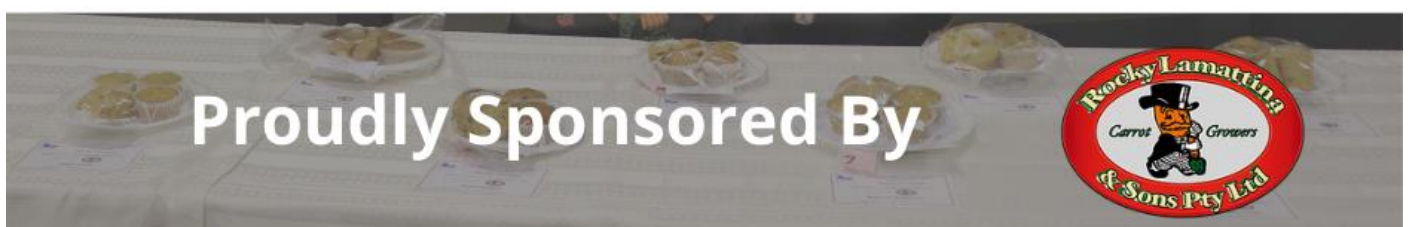
Maddison Geddes - North Eastern Group - Myrtleford Show

Jaz Davison - Northern District Group - Swan Hill Show

Lucas Rouse - South Western Group - Warrnambool Show

Neve McClure - Western District Group - Balmoral Show

Chelsea Hawkins - Wimmera Group - Goroke Show





Junior Show Ambassador State Finalists



Matilda Hill



Representing

*Midlands Group
Clunes & District
Agricultural Society
Inc.*



Rachel Dickson



Representing

*South Western
Group
Noorat & District
A & P Society Inc.*



Maddison Geddes



Representing

*North Eastern
Group
Myrtleford & District
A & P Society Inc.*



Elyssa Hausler



Representing

*Western District
Group
Edenhope P & A
Society Inc.*



Katrina Garraway



Representing

*Northern District
Group
Mildura Show
Society Inc.*



Michelle Grover



Representing

*Central & Upper
Goulburn Group
Sunbury Agricultural
Society Inc.*



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Junior Show Ambassador State Finalists



Hayley Young



Representing

*Central & South
Gippsland Group*

*Foster & District A & P
Society Inc.*



Sophie Hodge



Representing

*Goulburn Valley
Riverina Group*

*Numurkah A & P
Society Inc.*



Mikayla Farmers



Representing

Wimmera Group

*Nhill A & P Society
Inc.*

Keep up to date on the VAS Ltd Facebook page for all the results on Saturday Night from the 3 State Finals being held.



Australian Young Farmer Challenge

The Australian Young Farmer Challenge is now being managed by Agricultural Shows Australia with Local, State & National Levels of Competition. VAS is working in conjunction with the RASV and a State Final will be held at the 2021 Royal Melbourne Show. More details will come regarding these arrangements.

All Shows are encouraged to consider running the Young Farmer Challenge as it showcases depth of knowledge and technical skills required in agriculture today. These challenges can be anything from animal handling to fencing, driving tractors, putting out fires, first aid, heavy lifting, and transport challenges. The Competition is open to teams of four people, teams must have at least one representative from each gender.

Hosting a Young Farmer Challenge is a great way to encourage people to come together at your local show, as both competitors and spectators. The Young Farmer Challenge can be run at a very small cost and support is available through the National coordinator and state representatives. All you need is space, a few helpers and some teams and you're away!

If you need some inspiration to get started jump on the ASA website: <https://agshowsaustralia.org.au/youth-in-agriculture/australian-young-farmer-challenge/>



2021/22 Show Theme



2021 Spring / 2022 Autumn Show Theme



After the year 2020 we have all experienced, the theme for the 2021/22 Show Season is 'Back Bigger & Better'.

VAS Ltd hopes that all Shows can get up and running and put on an event that is bigger & better.

Whether the year off has brought new and innovative ideas to the committee or the passion and love for the Show has grown stronger because we missed attending or organising a show, we hope that we are all 'Back Bigger & Better'.



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Suppliers & Entertainers

A list of Suppliers & Entertainment options is now available on the VAS Ltd Website for all Show Societies to use if they are looking to start planning their 2021 event.



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Entertainment

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BLACK SNAKE

PRODUCTIONS
WILDLIFE DISPLAYS & EDUCATION

Black Snake Productions has been traveling around Victoria and South Australia for well over a decade bringing our range of animals and a wealth of information to thousands of people across the rural areas of southern Australia.

The very popular venomous snake safety pit and talks allow the public to learn how to safely and effectively deal with venomous snakes in day to day life and how important they are to Australia's agricultural industry.

Our mobile zoo displays are also a big hit with families, allowing them to get up close and meet crocodiles, dingoes, pythons, wallabies, owls, giant lizards and more.

We are willing to travel anywhere in Victoria and South Australia and can add a unique, fun and educational aspect to any show or field day!



"I have always found Black Snake Productions to be extremely professional and excellent presenters of wildlife education sessions. I simply cannot recommend them and their wildlife displays and demonstrations highly enough."

Jo Rodda Mildura, Field Days Coordinator



Licensed & with close to 20 years wildlife education Black Snake Productions is Victoria's leading provider of snake pit talks & wildlife education at events!



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WILDLIFE DISPLAYS

Our wildlife displays are some of the most popular in Victoria with a range of marsupials, birds, reptiles and invertebrates displayed in our naturally designed terrariums. Throughout the day the public will get multiple opportunities to touch and hold a wide range of animals as well as talk to our friendly presenters. We also include three fun and hands on educational shows while in attendance. Animals may include: owls, wallabies, crocodiles, dingoes, pythons, possums, lizards, parrots, quolls and so much more!



DEADLY AUSTRALIANS

We are currently Victoria's only provider of the "Snake pit", the snake pit is our 3x3m pit with an adjoining 3x3m marquee. The side marquee will allow the public to view highly venomous snakes and spiders in complete safety in naturalistic terrariums and also have an opportunity to handle pythons and crocodiles between talks. Three times a day we will do an informative and exciting talk with some of the world's most venomous snakes focusing on safety around the home and farm, first aid and species identification. Animals include; Taipans, tiger snakes, death adders, black snakes, king browns, fierce snakes, brown snakes, funnel web spiders, crocodiles, pythons and more!

MOBILE ZOO

The mobile zoo is a combination of the Deadly Australians display and the wildlife displays and has a huge range of animals. This option has four presentations a day, two snake safety talks and two wildlife talks and has a range of wildlife out all day for interaction.





Show/Field Days News

Clunes & District Agricultural Society Inc.

160th Anniversary Show-Take 2!

Excitement is building as Clunes has a second go at planning for its 160th Anniversary Show. With last year's event cancelled, and uncertainty clouding the start of 2021, it now looks like full steam ahead, and planning for the Show is underway. Like everyone else, we are watching and learning from other COVID safe events, and our COVID officer is getting her head around what the requirements for this year's show will be.

In the meantime, we were thrilled to receive funding through the latest round of A&P grants for a new shed to house our Food and Wine pavilion and have also received funding through the Stronger Communities program to complete the enclosure of the rear of our Sheep pavilion. This will enhance the value of this pavilion both on show day and throughout the year.

Progress on our new toilet block is slow and steady as our builder and architect navigate building permit requirements with the local Council. We eagerly await demolition day for the old toilet block as the new facilities will provide a benefit to the community for many years ahead. We have the Federal Government's Ag Shows Grant program, as well as other valued local supporters to thank for this project and hope to have photos of our progress to share with the VAS community soon.

Cohuna A P & H Society Inc.

Pavilion Project

The tin panels were removed and, with what seemed a gentle push from the bucket on the arm of the demolisher's excavator, down came the old pavilion, taking over 55 years of showing with it. After securing Federal government funding, a Department of Agriculture Regional Agricultural Show Development Grant and a contribution from Gannawarra Shire Council, our pavilion transformation project has now entered a new phase.

The site has been cleared and building of the new and improved pavilion will commence soon. A Cohuna based architect, AKH Designs, was engaged and designed a V-shaped building to replace the old rectangular shed. Views from the back of the pavilion will allow one to take in the natural environment just outside. This building will be built by a Cohuna based building company. Not only will this new pavilion be a much improved place to display pavilion sections, it will be available to the community for other events throughout the year.



Old View from the Creek



Current View to the Creek



Proposed View from the Creek



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Euroa Agricultural Society Inc.

Autumn Beef Cattle Show

The Euroa Agricultural Show Cattle committee conducted an Autumn Beef Cattle show on the weekend of 13th March 2021 with 120 head of cattle over 4 different categories in attendance. In total there were 17 different breeds within British, Bos Indicus, European and Small breeds. The competitors travelled from near and far including NSW.

Our judges came from Wagga and Bendigo in which they both did an exceptional job of judging the large numbers of exhibits in each class. In one class British Heifer under 12 months there were 20 young heifers entered and competed with the winner being a Shorthorn – Roly Park Roly Poly.

We had a local representative that was successful in winning Champion British Cow – Barry Ingram with Margni Park Brolga. Winner of the bull section Black Diamond 94A Quick Sand went on to win Grand Champion Junior Bull followed then by winning the overall Supreme Exhibit of the Show sponsored by Elders, Euroa. Grand champion European won by Savannah Zoe exhibited by Bullando Simmentals, Bolinda. Grand Champion Bos Indicus won by Naringalook Queen Bee exhibited by Peter & Vicki Stephenson, Invergordon. Grand Champion Small Breeds was won by WHF Henry Ford exhibited by Whitby Farms, Zeerust.

Judging commenced at 9.00am and was completed by 5.00pm. There were also schools represented in the classes junior handlers and junior judging from Finley High School and FCJ Benalla. A great representation of our up and coming junior exhibitors from these schools. We had a large number of spectators that enjoyed the day watching the quality of cattle being exhibited also many of our sponsors came and showed a lot of interest and extremely excited with the number of exhibits. All that attended had a great day and a huge thank you to our sponsors, exhibitors, helpers before and after the show, our catering staff that worked tirelessly and lastly to my cattle committee who worked very hard over the last few weeks in getting the ground ready for the day.





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Ballarat A & P Society Inc.

The Ballarat Showgrounds hosted the Great Outdoor & 4x4 Expo Friday 30th April to Sunday 2nd May. It was a highly successful event. 2019 saw 10,500 people through the gates. This year it was between 12,000 and 13,000. Exhibitors were extremely happy with the number of sales and a total of 16 caravans were sold off the site. The organiser is already looking at dates for the 2022 event.

On Sunday 4th July the Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society will hold their annual Sheep Show. This year's theme is Fibre, Fashion, Food and Farm. To complement the Sheep Show BAPS is organising an Expo. This will enable the event to be open to be public, with free entry. It will be interesting to see how things go with this new look event.

VICTORIAN SHEEP SHOW



Bellarine Agricultural Society Inc.

Vintage Ploughing Day

The Bellarine Vintage Machinery Group - (Sub group of Bellarine Agricultural Society March 13 2022)

The Bellarine Vintage Machinery Group held their 2nd Vintage Ploughing Day on Sunday 11th of April 2021, we were very fortunate that our first ploughing day was held just before the 2020 Covid lockdown. The ploughing day weather wasn't the most promising, with a chilly wind and the odd shower. The participants arrived and unloaded, then were welcomed with a hot cuppa and a warm by the fire. Each competitor drew a number out of a hat, then went to identify their land (land to plough), and a safety brief was conducted, then a return to the warm fire for a BBQ which was provided.

Ploughing commenced at 12.30 and took around 2 hours to complete. There were novices and experienced ploughmen along with 3 past Australian ploughman competitors, which was great to see. Although this wasn't an actual ploughmans competition, every ploughman takes pride in their work and does the best they can on the day, practise on all types of soil tests everyone's skill. The soil was dry and loose with mulched stubble cover so it was difficult to do a good plough, but to the credit of all who participated they did an excellent job.

With 13 competitors we had a huge variant of machines One David Brown plough, One trailing Massey Harris 4 Furrow, and a 3 furrow trailing International Harvester Co little Genius, One International Harvester 3 furrow linkage plough, 6 Grey Fergy 3 furrow ploughs, One 2 grey Fergy furrow plough, and One Massey Ferguson 3 furrow shearbolt plough. A 2 furrow Mitchell plough. The Tractors on the day were One Ferguson TEA, One Ferguson TEF, One Massey Ferguson 135 Diesel, and One 35 petrol. One Minneapolis Moline field marshal series 2, One Ford 3000 One Ford Dexta. And one Alis Chalmers. It was terrific to see the art of mouldboard ploughing being practised. It was originally used to bury weed seeds (prior to farmers using chemicals to eradicate weeds) and to aerate the soil being the initial process of planting a crop. It is still used in some areas throughout Australia but not as it was.

We hope to have another one of these most successful days again in 2022.

Graeme Brown
Plough Day Co-ordinator





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Castlemaine & District Agricultural Society Inc.

We had our first Show this year on 18th April 2021. It was so wonderful to be back doing what we love and keeping our 166th show year going. Our April Show is specifically for Clydesdales foals, fillies and mares including geldings and cross bred Clydesdales. On the day we had 26 Clydesdales attending, which we were extremely grateful for. The Show also included Miniature Horses and Ponies along with Shetlands. We also included Small horse harness section. Great to see the harness ponies return to our grounds (Camp Reserve).

Judges were Mr Bruce Hamblin judging Clydesdales and Miss Kelly Hamblin judged the Harness, Ponies and Cross bred Clydesdales. Belinda Lee judged the Minis and Shetlands. Thanks to major Sponsors Victorian Commonwealth Clydesdales Assoc, Pegasus Small horse and mini pony group and Louise Beer for the Supreme Clydesdale award. A great friendly day with great enthusiasm to be back.

We are planning for our October Show but keeping a close eye on the COVID situation. Hoping all will be ok to go ahead.



Sunbury Agricultural Society Inc.

The Sunbury Agricultural Society Inc. 100th Show was put on hold in 2020 due to the pandemic. In 2021 plans are now well underway to celebrate our 100th Show.

In 2020 Sunbury Agricultural Society Inc applied for a \$10,000 grant from the Agricultural and Pastoral Society Grants 2020/2021 funding program. Sunbury applied for a grant to upgrade the water supply to our livestock pavilion.

It is very important when you have livestock on display that your exhibitors have easy access to clean, fresh water for livestock. A reliable clean water supply is needed to ensure the welfare of livestock on display being required for drinking, washing of livestock, and cleaning the pavilion. Sunbury received a grant of \$8861.00 towards the cost of upgrading the water supply to our livestock pavilion.



Grant Tips

Normally it is not a busy time of the year for majority of Shows, but plans are underway usually for your annual event, but it is also important to prioritise grant applications and the wish list for your Show Society. Many opportunities come up throughout the year and it is a good idea to be prepared so make sure you keep an eye out for grants.

It is a good idea to have a discussion within your committee meeting and draw up a small list of projects/items which would help your show or venue.

Below is a list of grants that you may like to keep watch for:

- State Government Agricultural & Pastoral Society Infrastructure Grants – Available in second half of 2021
- Shire/Council Community Grants for various amounts
- Community Bank
- Federal Volunteer Grants – Available in first half of 2021
- Victorian Shade Grants Program



Tips for your application:

- Provide all information required at the time of applying.
- If your project is similar to a previous application change the wording of the project to reflect differently.
- Make sure you have firm quotes attached, as previous round of grants too many just googled and printed off information or a picture of what they wanted to do without providing a quote for the project.
- Read the guidelines carefully and make sure your project fits the criteria.
- Don't exaggerate outcomes or in-kind effort costs.
- Only apply for grants that you think your Show Society can deliver.

Make sure your application is one of the good ones!

Upcoming State Finals

Fleece State Final

Sponsored by



*Held at the Victorian
Sheep Show – Ballarat
Showgrounds*

4th July 2021

Merino Sheep, Meat Sheep & Merino Fleece Judging State Finals

*Held at the Australian
Sheep & Wool Show –
Bendigo Showgrounds*

18th July 2021



VAS Ltd Competition Kit



Competition Kit is now available for all Show Societies and keen exhibitors of the VAS Ltd Competitions.

There has been a range of changes, so it is important that all Show Societies please check your schedules to make sure they match the competition kit.

Each competition kit page is available to download on the VAS Ltd Website under each competition heading.

For Show Societies the kit has been emailed and is available on the members area.

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