



VICTORIAN AGRICULTURAL SHOWS LTD

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2019



Chairpersons Report – Jenny Daffy



Dear Members,

As you may be aware the VAS Ltd organisation is always very busy with its range of events and Shows and I hope those that attended the 2019 Convention hosted by the South Western Group enjoyed their weekend. Preparations are currently underway by Lilydale Show Society who will be the host of the 2020 Convention to be held 26th – 28th June 2020. I urge all Societies to encourage delegates to attend as it is a great weekend of networking and fellowship with other Show related people.

I attended the Australian Sheep and Wool Show held in Bendigo in July, where very strong competitions were held in the wool & meat sheep and fleece judging. Winners are included in this volume of the newsletter.

Once again, we held our information day at Whittlesea for our Rural Ambassadors, and we had Casey Bruce as our mentor and coach for the finalists who did a great job in talking to them regarding dress, deportment and speech and when they had to give a two-minute talk about their own shows, you could see the improvement. By the end of the day the group had become well acquainted.

I attend the Mallee Field Days which is a great spectacle with the display of farm machinery and have judged the horse section at one of our new affiliates, the Truganina Pony Club Annual Show. They had a good attendance of horses for their first year.

VAS Ltd was invited and accepted the offer from the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV) to conduct the final judging of our Rural Ambassador at the 2019 Royal Show. Many thanks to the RASV for its support towards our Youth program and hosting the awards luncheon at the Show. At the luncheon the contestants given a great surprise by the RASV as it was announced after the presentation to our winner Grace Calder that each competitor would receive a \$1000 subsidy towards the cost of the Agricultural Shows Australia (ASA) conference being held in January 2020.

On Saturday, 28 September we conducted our judging of the Cattle Paraders and Beef judging competitions at the Royal Melbourne Show. This was amazing, as we had 23 contestants in the Paraders and was conducted over two heats. Winners details also included in the newsletter.

During the spring I have attended quite a few shows being at Horsham, judged at Swan Hill for two days, Kerang, Warracknabeal, Donald, Camperdown, Royal Geelong, Warrnambool, Colac, Koroit and Noorat.

We also had three Societies reach their 160 years of showing this year, congratulations to Bendigo, Sale & Whittlesea. Presentations were made to these Shows and the Board will recognise Shows that reach their special milestones of 100, 125, or 150 years and ones that reach additional 10 years after 150-year milestones. If your show is celebrating a milestone of years conducting your Show, please let the VAS office know so we can arrange a presentation to your Show.

I would like to thank each member of the Board for their assistance and help, as we work well as a team, looking at ways of improvement in our policies/guidelines. Most recently the Board endorsed the Livestock Biosecurity document created by our Executive Officer to assist the Shows. Brian Keirl attending a meeting with the Dairy Cattle Ethics Committee and this has formed a partnership with that organisation to oversee the dairy cattle showing.

Our ongoing partnership with Racing Victoria continues to grow with the led Off The Track an additional competition at our Shows and the 2020 Saddle Horse Championships celebrates its 25 years in January to be held in Bendigo. As the entries close in the coming weeks VAS is thrilled to have well known retired Jockey Darren Gauci as one of the judges for the Off The Track ridden competition this coming year.

Applications for State Government Grants closed recently with a great response and the Federal Government grants were announced, and I hope your Society is considering applications for a project which close on the 13th December.

As the Show season has been a challenge this year with mixed weather conditions, I commend you all for the work you put in to make the annual events success a success for the respective communities.

In closing I wish you all a Merry and Safe Christmas and prosperous 2020.

Jenny Daffy
VAS Ltd Chairperson

2019 VAS Ltd State Final Results – Royal Melbourne Show

2019 VAS Ltd Junior Boiled Fruit Cake State Final

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- Winner:** Sarah Joordens – South Western
- Second:** Josef Lohr – Gippsland
- Third:** Tahli Wright – Wimmera
- C:** Eleanor Robinson – North Eastern
- Finalist:** Alice Powell – Goulburn Valley Riverina
- Finalist:** Emma Peel – Central & Upper Goulburn
- Finalist:** Harrison Brennan – Western District
- Finalist:** Jasmine Ash – Northern District
- Finalist:** Matt Mitchell – Midlands
- Finalist:** Lara Duncan – Central & South Gippsland



2019 VAS Ltd Rich Fruit Cake State Final

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- Winner:** Lorraine Marshall – Northern District
- Second:** Lynne Wickenton – South Western
- Third:** Tracey Bright – Goulburn Valley Riverina
- HC:** Libby Garoni – North Eastern
- C:** Richard Cope – Midlands
- Finalist:** Leigh McAlister – Central & Upper Goulburn
- Finalist:** Bettina Kent – Western District
- Finalist:** Kelly Lett – Gippsland
- Finalist:** Mary Grant – Murray Valley
- Finalist:** Margaret Taylor – Wimmera
- Finalist:** Megan Duncan – Central & South Gippsland



New Sponsor Announcement

VAS Ltd is pleased to announce The Sultana Sisters are the new sponsors of the Rich Fruit Cake and Junior Boiled Fruit Cake State Final Competitions. The Sultana Sisters was founded in 2017 aiming to deliver quality Australian Grown Produce. The SS Team includes Ivana and Katerina Blekic (Pictured Above), which were past participants in the Rural Ambassador Program and Katerina being our 2016 Rural Ambassador Winner. They aim to show young people that it doesn't matter how young you are; you can make a difference, start a business and share your passion. Check out their website www.sultanasisters.com.au/ to view their products.



2019 VAS Ltd Junior Photography State Final

- Winner:** Elijah Reid – South Western
- Second:** Malia Wheal – Gippsland
- Third:** Matthew Giannarelli – Central & Upper Goulburn
- Finalist:** Angelina Pierson – Murray Valley
- Finalist:** Brodie Kennedy – Wimmera
- Finalist:** Elijah Le Serve – Central & South Gippsland
- Finalist:** Hayley Toms – Western District
- Finalist:** Liam Hindle – North Eastern
- Finalist:** Ruby Smith – Midlands
- Finalist:** Sophie Hodge – Goulburn Valley Riverina
- Finalist:** Tania Hutchinson – Northern District



2019 VAS Ltd Senior Photography State Final

- Winner:** Shirley Coldwell – Goulburn Valley Riverina
- Second:** Lynn Aristides – Wimmera
- Third:** Tracy Roberts – Northern District
- HC:** Chevy Walsh – South Western
- HC:** Katie Harris – Central & South Gippsland
- C:** Pam Sheean – Midlands
- Finalist:** Courtney Gordon – Western District
- Finalist:** Dorothy Fountain – Central & Upper Goulburn
- Finalist:** Ian Fellowes – Gippsland
- Finalist:** Leanne Bickley – Murray Valley
- Finalist:** Tricia Williams – North Eastern



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2019 VAS Ltd State Final Results – Royal Melbourne Show

2019 VAS Ltd Crochet State Final

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- Winner:** Michaela Clampit – Goulburn Valley Riverina
Second: Stephanie Hulsbosch – North Eastern
Third: Paulette Giles – Northern District
C: Julie Foster – Central & South Gippsland
C: Kristy-Lyn Hall – Wimmera
Finalist: Lisa Laidlaw – Murray Valley
Finalist: Natasha Buchanan – Central & Upper Goulburn
Finalist: Sara Church – South Western
Finalist: Sharnie Digby – Midlands



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2019 VAS Ltd Patchwork State Final

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- Winner:** Suzanne Lyle – Midlands
Second: Karen Rothacker – Northern District
Third: Marie Wilson – Wimmera
Finalist: Corrinne Heading – Gippsland
Finalist: Kerrie Small – Murray Valley
Finalist: Maryke Dann – Central & South Gippsland
Finalist: Ruth Gledhill – Goulburn Valley Riverina
Finalist: Sylvia Bishoff – Gippsland
Finalist: Valerie Cameron – South Western



2019 VAS Ltd Knitting State Final

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- Winner:** Wendy Knight – South Western
Second: Stephanie Hulsbosch – North Eastern
Third: Kay Grinham – Wimmera
Finalist: Mavis Neumann – Central & Upper Goulburn
Finalist: Betty Murray – Northern District
Finalist: Eve Ogilvie – Midlands
Finalist: Kaye Howells – Central & South Gippsland
Finalist: Ruth Gledhill – Goulburn Valley Riverina

2019 VAS Ltd Sewing State Final

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- Winner:** Helen Bromley – North Eastern
Second: Sue Dollin – Wimmera
Third: Janice Sinnott – Central & Upper Goulburn
VHC: Helen Coulston – Central & South Gippsland
Finalist: Di Mitchell – Midlands
Finalist: Lorna Gray – Goulburn Valley Riverina
Finalist: Nancy Johnston – Gippsland
Finalist: Robyn Beath – Murray Valley
Finalist: Sally Roberts – Western District



2019 VAS Ltd Embroidery State Final

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- Winner:** Linda Maher – Northern District
Second: Penny Wolswinkel – Central & South Gippsland
Third: Shirley Dennis – Gippsland
HC: Kirsty Beckett – Midlands
Finalist: Elaine Quick – Wimmera
Finalist: Jane Vincent – South Western
Finalist: Joan Thom – North Eastern
Finalist: Lorna Gray – Goulburn Valley Riverina

2019 VAS Ltd Sheep State Final Results – Australian Sheep & Wool Show

Erin and Ben will represent Victoria at the 2020 National Finals in New Zealand.

2019 VAS Ltd Merino Fleece Judging State Final

Winner: Erin Douglas
Second: Tess Runting
Third: Colleen Tropeano



2019 VAS Ltd Merino Sheep Judging State Final

Winner: Ben Harwich
Second: Shaun Kopp
Third: Lachlan Barrett



2019 VAS Ltd Meat Sheep Judging State Final

Winner: Erin Douglas
Second: Tess Runting
Third: Ashlea Cross



Thank you to Mark Bazeley (Riverina Wool) for sponsoring and being the Over Judge for the Merino Fleece Judging State Final.

Pictured Right with State Final Placegetters



2019 VAS Ltd Beef Cattle State Final Results – Royal Melbourne Show

Lochie and Sarah will represent Victoria at the 2020 National Finals in New Zealand.

2019 VAS Ltd Beef Cattle Parader State Final

Winner: Lochie McLauchlan – representing Noorat Show
Second: Sarah Sutton – representing Kyneton Show
Third: Tiffany McLauchlan – representing Warrnambool Show



2019 VAS Ltd Beef Cattle Judging State Final

Winner: Sarah Sutton – representing Kyneton Show
Second: Brittany Abbott – representing Tyrendarra Show
Third: Lilli Stewart – representing Colac Show



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2019 ASA National Final Results – Perth



2019 ASA Beef Cattle Parader National Final

Winner: Sam Parish – NSW
Runner Up: John Delaforce – QLD
Third: Thomas Fogden – SA
Finalist: Claudia Spencer - VIC

2019 ASA Beef Cattle Judging National Final

Winner: Georgia Whitworth – NZ
Runner Up: Tabitha Cross – NSW
Third: Rylie Cherrey – VIC

2019 ASA Dairy Cattle Parader National Final

Winner: Rebekah Love – QLD
Runner Up: Leah Orton – VIC
Third: Hayley Madden – SA

2019 ASA Dairy Cattle Judging National Final

Winner: Andrew Gray – SA
Runner Up: Clinton Keir – QLD
Third: Mitchell Atkins – NSW
Finalist: Patrick Anderson - VIC

2019 ASA Merino Sheep Judging National Final

Winner: Clark Stackhouse – TAS
Runner Up: Jack Kelly – NSW
Third: Matilda Scott – TAS

2019 ASA Meat Sheep Judging National Final

Winner: Kieran Smith – NSW
Runner Up: Molly Cornish – TAS
Third: Kasey Shields – VIC

2019 ASA Merino Fleece Judging National Final

Winner: Stephanie Davies – NSW
Second: James Fox – NZ
Third: Matilda Scott – TAS
Finalist: Kasey Shields - VIC

2019 ASA Poultry Judging National Final

Winner: Harrison Taylor – SA
Second: Michael Lloyd – VIC
Third: Courtney Davies – NZ

2019 ASA Rural Ambassador National Final

Winner: Harris Thompson – WA
Runner Up: Tim Green – NSW
Finalist: James Kirkpatrick - VIC

2019 ASA Alpaca Judging National Final

Winner: Rubey Williams – NSW
Runner Up: Jonee Phillips – WA
Finalist: Sarah Vaughan - VIC



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2019 VAS Ltd Rural Ambassador State Final Results

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Winner: Grace Calder – Midlands Group – Representing Ballarat Show Society

Runner Up: Jordan Hoban – Murray Valley Group – Representing Wodonga Show Society

Finalist: Amabel Grinter – Goulburn Valley Group – Representing Cobram Show Society

Finalist: Lucy Powell – South Western Group – Representing Noorat Show Society

Finalist: Zoe Weir – Wimmera Group – Representing Donald Show Society

Finalist: Emma Henne – Central & Upper Goulburn Group – Representing Seymour Show Society

Finalist: Alexander Bain – Midlands Group – Representing Beaufort Show Society

Finalist: Catherine Bates – Wimmera Group – Representing Nhill Show Society

Finalist: Genevieve Saunders – North Eastern Group – Representing Benalla Show Society

Finalist: Annette Cavanagh – Central & Upper Goulburn Group – Representing Yea Show Society

Finalist: Stephanie Anthony – Northern District Group – Representing Wakool Show Society

Finalist: Holly Webb – Gippsland Group – Representing Maffra Show Society

Finalist: Meaghan Venables – Central & South Gippsland Group – Representing Pakenham Show Society

The 2019 Rural Ambassador State Final was held at the 2019 Royal Melbourne Show over two days which included the tour of the show and individual interviews on the Saturday the 21st September. The ambassadors on the Saturday night attended the official opening of the Show, which was a great night for networking and also, they had the opportunity to meet the Governor of Victoria Linda Dessau.

On Sunday the 22nd September the ambassadors made their way back to the Show where the presentation luncheon was held in the Port Phillip Room with a total of 90 attendees who heard a speech from each of the ambassadors explaining how they will engage the next generation into their Show Society and Community.

VAS Ltd congratulates all ambassadors on the way they conducted themselves through the process and hope that you keep making positive contributions to your Show Society and Community.



2020 VAS Convention @ Lilydale

Save the Date!

Friday 26th, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th June 2020

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More Information will be available early 2020 on the VAS Ltd Website
<http://www.vicagshows.com.au/convention>



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2020 Convention Competitions

Pin Cushion

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



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.



2020 VAS Ltd March Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday 18th March 2020

Where: RASV Admin Building – Melbourne Showgrounds

Time: 10am Start

Guest Speakers on the day – More information to come



**2020 Spring / 2021 Autumn
Show Theme**



Recycling



Ideas:

- Recycled fashion parade with local schools
- Homecraft & Horticulture Classes using recycled materials
- Sponsorship Opportunities with Recycling Companies
- Catering businesses using recyclable food packaging or utensils
- Car boot or market stalls selling used items

