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VAS LTD NEWSLETTER



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Board Nominations Open



VAS Ltd is calling for nominations for the VAS Ltd Board. If you are interested and would like to talk through responsibilities/commitment to the role please do not hesitate to contact Rod Bowles (Executive Officer). As an applicant for the board you must be nominated by two voting delegates from two different VAS affiliated members.

Nomination form is available from the VAS Ltd Office and will be supplied to all affiliated members shortly. More information contact the VAS Ltd Office.

Nominations Close 2nd May 2022 and can be sent via mail or emailed to: eo@vicagshows.com.au

Save the Date

VAS Convention

24th, 25th & 26th
June 2022

Details to be
Confirmed Shortly



2022 Saddle Horse Championships



On the 8th & 9th January the Saddle Horse Championships returned as we kicked off 2022 with a bit of normality, back showing horses. Although we didn't have the 2021 Show Season of qualifications for the Championships it was great to see over 250 horses enter and enjoy the great weather we were lucky enough to experience. Diamond Debutante classes were supported well as this grows to become a feature of the Championships. We also saw the introduction of Off The Track Show Hunter Led & Ridden Series that now splits the Off The Track Led & Ridden Series into Open & Show Hunter. The Alabar HERO Series was well supported and we can't wait until we get a full show season underway to see all the qualifiers attend the 2023 championships.

The committee would like to thank all exhibitors for their support of the championships and look forward to seeing you at the championships again. A show cannot be held without stewards, judges & sponsors and we thank you all for your contribution in making the championships successful. Enjoy a range of pictures from the championships and the Off The Track & Alabar HERO Series winners.



OTT Led Open Winner - Fox Equestrian - Mumm's Moet (Zalmona)

OTT Led Show Hunter Winner - Kara Woolcock - Alinka



OTT Ridden Open Winner - Ava Halloran - Muse (I'm Hector)

OTT Show Hunter Ridden Winner - Samantha McMaster - Kingsman (Bold Undertaking)



Alabar HERO Winner - Hollie Hildebrandt - Savesomtimetodream

2022 Dairy Cattle Parading & Judging State Final Results

On Sunday the 16th January at International Dairy Week, Tatura the VAS Ltd Dairy Cattle Parading & Judging State Final was held. Both Abbie & Imogen will now represent Victoria at the National Finals at Sydney Royal April 2022. Thank you to the judges and stewards for their efforts.



Dairy Cattle Parading Results

Winner - Abbie Hanks

2nd Place - Renee Mugavin

3rd Place - Kasey Shields



Dairy Cattle Judging Results

Winner - Imogen Steiner

2nd Place - Bradley Cochrane

3rd Place - Rhys Jansen Van beek



Field Day News

Farm World

This is the first major event on the field days calendar for 2022 where orders will be placed in time for upcoming season deliveries in a year where farmers will generate an estimated record \$73 billion dollars for their farm produce. Farm World will lead the \$1 billion Field days and show circuits into a new era as this main event for Victoria gets underway on Thursday 24 March 2022 and runs until Sunday 27 March 2022.

Farm World has the most entertaining program of events that anyone has ever witnessed as part of a great day of excitement and shopping.

- Farm World Equestrian Event - Open all four days of Farm World - Showcasing everything related to horses, including a full program of equestrian events throughout the four days of Farm World.
- Telstra Women in Ag Luncheon - Celebrating and valuing Women in Agriculture - Thursday at 11:30am to 2:00pm.

With all things agricultural at the top of the agenda for opening day, organisers expect a huge turn out from the farming community across the district, as well as the wider state and also from interstate. The Opening day will be a mostly unrestricted event after the successful rollout of the vaccine across the country. Organisers are thrilled to see up to 95% of the community embracing government mandates and getting the Jab, as this will make the Farm World outdoor event a very safe experience.

Friday will also be host day for the "Freestyle Kings" Motocross team, who will be performing three times a day across Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10am, 12pm and 2pm daily. A very exciting event to be seen for the first time at Farm World 2022 (FW22) will be the addition of the "Australian Young Farmers Challenge" when the Victorian State Final will be held. Hosted by the Royal Melbourne Show in a partnership between Melbourne Royal and Lardner Park - FW22, is sure to attract plenty of onlookers and great event for the patrons of FW22 to enjoy on Friday 25 March.



After the gates close to Patrons on Friday at 4pm, Farm World will host a VIP event for Farmers and Community Leaders at the Commonwealth Bank, called "Yarn on the Farm" - it is set for a 4.30pm start. Spicer's Go-Getta Kelpies will again feature at Farm World. Joe Spicer and his talented kelpies featured on the recent ABC TV show - Muster Dogs. See Joe and his dogs in action. Our Drone Zone highlights the technology of drone flying - view the advantages for farming, emergency services and where else drones interact with our everyday life now.

Saturday will also once again feature the Freestyle Kings for three shows, as well as the tractor/trailer backing competition while live onsite demonstrations across the site will include the String and Salt activation in the main event centre. The lovely ladies from the local branch of the CWA will be serving their delicious Devonshire Teas - indulge in a scone or two.

Another favourite is the Butcher Wars, where local and state-wide butchers, race the clock to break down a carcass with the best cuts, of steaks, roasts, chops etc - all up on stage and with commentary from our guest presenter Dave Cann from String and Salt cooking school.

Once gates close at 6pm on Saturday, the Rodeo will bring everything back to life with a 6.30pm opening for a start at 7pm. The Rodeo opening will feature the Freestyle Kings with more thrilling bike action, followed by the Barrel Race and the exciting Horse versus Motocross rider in the Rodeo Arena.

On Sunday the gates open at 9am and close at 4pm. And this is the one day that really counts for many. It's Market Day and many come to Farm World on Sunday to Close the Deal day. It's the day to buy a real bargain and make an exhibitor an offer they can't refuse. For many exhibitors this is the day to move any unsold stock and not have to take it back to their warehouse.

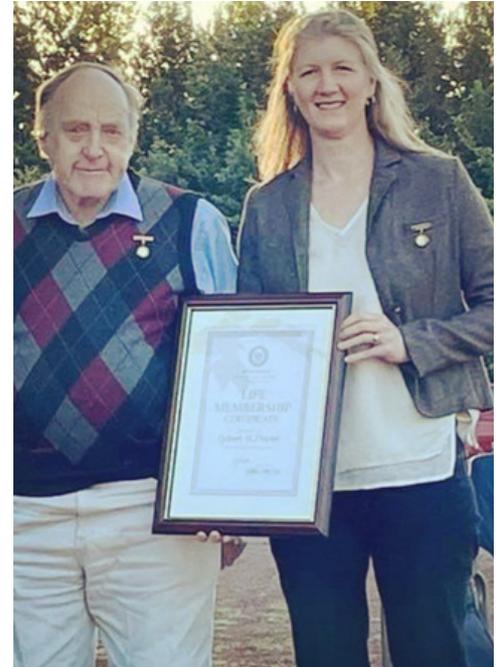
We are looking forward to putting on a great event for everyone at Farm World2022 - we hope to see you there!

Show Society News

Whittlesea Agricultural Society Inc.

At our Christmas Picnic on the 11th December we presented Robert (Bob) Draper a Life Membership for his many years of service and dedication to the Whittlesea Agricultural Society. Robert is a past President and has contributed to a wide variety of areas across the Agricultural Society over the past 40+ years. Congratulations to Robert and thank you for your service.

From the 10th to the 23rd December we held the inaugural Whittlesea Community Christmas Tree Extravaganza. There were over 50 trees as part of the display, 32 trees were entered in the competition, we had 4 dedicated photo backdrops and scheduled Santa visits. We welcomed over 1500 people to the display and we received numerous compliments on how spectacular it all looked. Compliments included 'This is better than the Myer windows', 'Such a wonderful idea for our town'. Congratulations to Upper Plenty Primary School on winning the best decorated tree as voted by the public, taking home the combined tree entry money. Congratulations also goes to Whittlesea Flowers & Bears and the Whittlesea Fire Brigade who both received an impressive number of votes.



After the success of our last Open Day we will hold our 2022 Open Day on the 27th March from 12 midday. Again the Administration building will be filled with section displays and superintendents & volunteers speaking with those who come to learn more about what we do. The Heritage precinct will be open and there will be animals and hay rides. It will be nice to see WAS members enjoy the chance to have a chat and casual catch up face to face prior to the lead up to the 2022 Whittlesea Show in November (fingers crossed).

We welcome the Whittlesea & Northern Districts Poultry Club as a WAS land user. They join the Whittlesea Horse and Pony Club and the Northern Model Aviation Group.



OPEN INFORMATION AFTERNOON

12-2.30pm, SUNDAY
27th MARCH 2022
Whittlesea Agricultural
Society Administration
Building, Gate 1 McPhees
Road, Whittlesea

(03) 9716 2835
info@whittleseashow.org.au

Did you know the Whittlesea Agricultural
Society is a non profit volunteer organisation?



Come along to our open afternoon and speak with us about the Whittlesea Agricultural Society Council. Hear about our upcoming events & social outings and chat with Whittlesea Show Superintendents.

Free sausage sizzle & heritage display
We look forward to welcoming you!

Volunteer Opportunities:

Heritage • Art • Photography • Animal Nursery • Attractions • Homecrafts Cattle
Poultry • Sheep • Young Person's Competition • Horses • Education
Farm & Garden • Beef Herd • Trade Space • Works • Woodchop • Food Expo
Fun & Games • Rural Ambassador • Horticulture



Show Society News

Beaufort Agricultural Society Inc.

Super Successful Summer Show

Beaufort Show was cancelled in November 2021, you can all guess why that was. Instead the committee went out for dinner – that was great after lockdown. The decision was made to hold a Summer Show with 3 outdoor events – horse show, yard dog trials and woodchop on Sunday 30th January 2022. We thought it was important to make connections with our competitors, but it was not possible to run any of our indoor sections of the show, trade stalls and rides.

We received Kickstart Event funding from the Pyrenees Shire, which paid for our ribbon and sash order, floral garlands, rugs and trophies for the horse events. By the end of December with Omicron raging, we got nervous, but decided with this great grant there was little risk, so we would hold the event. We used Facebook to promote the show, with a strong following. One of the Second Gen used a program which designed promotion posters for the Facebook page – these looked quite professional – have a look, if you want more details how these posters were made contact the Beaufort Show Secretary.

We organised online admission ticketing and had all the horses pre-ent. Sheep dog entry numbers skyrocketed, so that the decision was made to start that competition on the Saturday and run for over 11 hours on the Sunday.

The wood choppers were equally thrilled to compete, as they wanted competition chopping before the Sydney Royal and were pleased with the \$4,500 prize money offered. The day was a total success, the competitors in all three disciplines were absolutely grateful that we had put on an event, so we did re-connect with our competitors. However, all our committee members and many volunteers from sections which weren't running, turned up to help – the enthusiasm and sense of connection was palpable.



Part of the 50 people who were part of the “blue shirt brigade” – so important to be part of a successful team – thank you Bendigo Bank



Yard dog trial winners – great promotion for the sponsor and very happy competitors

At the November dinner the suggestion was made that we have Beaufort Ag Society shirts – royal blue RB Sellers shirts or polo shirts were decided on and an approach to the Beaufort Community Bank found a sponsor which covered the whole cost of the shirts. The most amazing thing was that everyone now felt part of a successful team – they helped the public at the show, had a really smart corporate look and were part of a most successful show – the whole team had enthusiasm and commitment.

When we looked around we found we had a strong second generation team who helped out in all three events, and catering, horse float parking and set up and pack up. Wow, we are developing a future for Beaufort Show. (we did “oil” this well run machine with a few slabs after the pack up – so worth it). Some of this team will now enter the Young Farmer Challenge at Lardner – from small things, bigger things grow. The pavilion ladies, with help from other sections, ran the canteen, no professional catering caravans were invited. The resulting profit of \$2600 was then placed in a separate bank account for the ladies pavilion team to allocate prize money as they see fit for their range of classes.

What changed in these Covid times? We did have back up judges for every ring, we didn't meet in large groups before the show – we didn't all want to go into lockdown, the competitors knew we would refund for Covid iso, the online admission tickets facilitated entry and all were happy to show their vaccination status – they wanted to be there to compete or watch the competition.

What has happened after this show? The event was very profitable, the committee has maintained the can do attitude with new ideas for the layout of the showgrounds for the November 2022 show, which sound very exciting and this vibrancy has attracted new helpers and so much positive feedback. The Successful Summer Show was a great way to start 2022.



The trophies are big in the Topsy ring – this aggregate winner is planning just who she is going to show this spectacular (recycled) trophy to.

Show Society News

Royal Geelong A & P Society Inc.

Following the disappointment of another cancelled Show in 2021 it was decided to hold a virtual Homecraft Show.

The Shows have been held monthly since October with our last Show being held in March.

Our dedicated volunteers and staff have ensured that everything runs smoothly, and the monthly competitions have been well received with an average of 100 entries each month.

These competitions have attracted both new and past exhibitors with classes offered across all homecraft categories. This has been a very positive experience for all with people keen to exhibit their skills.

Holding these monthly competitions allowed us to run the VAS classes and our Community Challenges where the items once judged, are donated to the Barwon Health Oncology and Special Care Nursery wards.



Dandenong A & P Society Inc.

We have the annual Scottish Heritage day coming up on the 29th of May 2022. The Scottish Day consists of both horse and dog classes including Clydesdales, Shetlands, Highlands and Australian mini ponies, ASPB Victoria Foal Show & Scottish Terrier Club. We are hoping to attract a bigger crowd this year. As like many other events last year was cancelled due to Covid. Entry is free and there is plenty of parking for all. The Scottish Heritage Day takes place at Greaves reserve in Bennet Street Dandenong.



Show Society News

Dandenong A & P Society Inc.

This year the Dandenong and Agricultural Society will be celebrating the 150th Show. The committee is in full swing with the preparations for this year's show. After 2 years of not being able to have a show the committee is excited to make this year's show better than ever. There will be exhibits for everyone such as Arts Crafts, Livestock, Equestrian, Trade Space, Rides, Fireworks, Live Entertainment, Street Food & Show bags. Look out for the details and entries on our website, contact information is available on the website should you require further information.



Buy & Sell for Show Societies

A new feature of our quarterly newsletter will be an option for Show Societies to promote any unwanted equipment for sale or advertise that you are looking to buy a certain piece of equipment.

All you need to do is send a picture of the item, a small description of the item and a contact name & phone number for all enquiries.

Send an email to info@vicagshows.com.au at anytime and it can be added to the next upcoming newsletter.

Warragul

The Warragul Show Committee have about 24 as new (only used once) farm gates, which we would like to sell. 2.8 mtrs long x 1.12 mtrs high \$100 each, but we are willing to negotiate on lots of 5 or more.

Please contact Maria for more information on 0417 033 563.



Geelong



37 temporary fence panels with 2 trailers. Free standing, interlocking panels, 4.5m long x 2m high

The panels are quite heavy but withstand all conditions.

Make us an offer

Please contact Michelle on
03 5221 1707 or
info@royalgeelongshow.org.au

VAS Ltd State Final Competitions



Beef Cattle & Sheep State Finals

All winners from 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022 Shows will be still eligible for the State Final to be held at Melbourne Royal (Cattle) & Australian Sheep & Wool Show (Sheep). The winners of the state finals in 2022 will be for the 2023 ASA National Finals



Rural Ambassador State Finals



The VAS Ltd Board has decided to hold over all ambassador winners until 2022 so they can experience being at the Royal Melbourne Show. Any groups that have any further ambassadors at the 2022 Group Finals will be invited to the State Final for 2022.

Upcoming Group Final Dates

Please contact each group secretary for relevant arrangements of the upcoming Group Finals.

Central & Upper Goulburn - 15th May 2022

Goulburn Valley Riverina - 30th April 2022

Northern District - 3rd April 2022

South Western - 3rd April 2022

North Eastern - 10th April 2022

Midlands - Held on the 18th March 2022

Wimmera, Gippsland & Central & South Gippsland - Have not confirmed dates at this stage.

Agricultural Shows Australia National Finals



Wishing all our National Finalists all the best for the 2021 & 2022 National Finals to be held at Sydney Royal from the 8th to 19th April. Keep an eye out on the VAS Facebook Page for all the results as the competitions unfold throughout the Royal Show.

2021 National Finals - Victorian Representatives



ASA AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AUSTRALIA

VAS SHOWING VICTORIA

BEEF CATTLE PARADING

LOCHIE MCLAUCHLAN - NATIONAL FINALIST

A photograph of Lochie McLauchlan, a young man in a cowboy hat and vest, standing next to a black bull. He is wearing a blue sash that reads 'NATIONAL FINALIST'.

National Beef Cattle Parading Championship - Friday 8 April 2022 5.00pm



ASA AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AUSTRALIA

VAS SHOWING VICTORIA

BEEF CATTLE JUDGING

SARAH SUTTON - NATIONAL FINALIST

A photograph of Sarah Sutton, a woman in a red jacket and cowboy hat, holding a blue sash that reads 'NATIONAL FINALIST'.

National Beef Cattle Judging Championship - Monday 11 April 2022 10.30am



ASA AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AUSTRALIA

VAS SHOWING VICTORIA

DAIRY CATTLE PARADING

GEORGIA SIEBEN - NATIONAL FINALIST

A photograph of Georgia Sieben, a woman in a white shirt, standing next to a brown cow. She is wearing a blue sash that reads 'NATIONAL FINALIST'.

National Dairy Cattle Parading Championship - Saturday 16 April 2022 1.00pm



ASA AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AUSTRALIA

VAS SHOWING VICTORIA

DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING

ZOE HAYES - NATIONAL FINALIST

A photograph of Zoe Hayes, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a blue sash that reads 'NATIONAL FINALIST'.

National Dairy Cattle Judging Championship - Sunday 17 April 2022 1.00pm



ASA AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AUSTRALIA

VAS SHOWING VICTORIA

MERINO SHEEP JUDGING

BEN HARTWICH - NATIONAL FINALIST

A photograph of Ben Hartwich, a young man in a blue hoodie, holding a trophy and a blue sash that reads 'NATIONAL FINALIST'.

National Merino Sheep Judging Championship - Wednesday 13 April 2022 2:00pm



ASA AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AUSTRALIA

VAS SHOWING VICTORIA

MEAT SHEEP JUDGING

ERIN DOUGLAS - NATIONAL FINALIST

A photograph of Erin Douglas, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a blue sash that reads 'NATIONAL FINALIST'.

National Meat Breed Sheep Judging Championship - Friday 15 April 2022 2:00pm



ASA AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AUSTRALIA

VAS SHOWING VICTORIA

MERINO FLEECE JUDGING

ERIN DOUGLAS - NATIONAL FINALIST

A photograph of Erin Douglas, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a blue sash that reads 'NATIONAL FINALIST'.

National Merino Fleece Judging Championship - Thursday 14 April 2022 2:00pm



ASA AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AUSTRALIA

VAS SHOWING VICTORIA

RURAL AMBASSADOR

GRACE CALDER - NATIONAL FINALIST

A photograph of Grace Calder, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a blue sash that reads 'NATIONAL FINALIST'.

National Rural Ambassador - Announcement Sunday 10 April 2022



ASA AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AUSTRALIA

VAS SHOWING VICTORIA

POULTRY JUDGING

MICHAEL LLOYD - NATIONAL FINALIST

A photograph of Michael Lloyd, a man in a white shirt, wearing a blue sash that reads 'NATIONAL FINALIST'.

National Poultry Judging Championship - Sunday 10 April 2022 8.30am

Agricultural Shows Australia National Finals



Wishing all our National Finalists all the best for the 2021 & 2022 National Finals to be held at Sydney Royal from the 8th to 19th April. Keep an eye out on the VAS Facebook Page for all the results as the competitions unfold throughout the Royal Show.

2022 National Finals - Victorian Representatives



ASA AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AUSTRALIA

VAS SHOWING VICTORIA

BEEF CATTLE PARADING

SARAH SUTTON - NATIONAL FINALIST

National Beef Cattle Parading Championship - Friday 8 April 2022 5.00pm



ASA AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AUSTRALIA

VAS SHOWING VICTORIA

BEEF CATTLE JUDGING

BRITTANY ABBOTT - NATIONAL FINALIST

National Beef Cattle Judging Championship - Monday 11 April 2022 10.30am



ASA AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AUSTRALIA

VAS SHOWING VICTORIA

DAIRY CATTLE PARADING

ABBIE HANKS - NATIONAL FINALIST

National Dairy Cattle Parading Championship - Saturday 16 April 2022 1.00pm



ASA AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AUSTRALIA

VAS SHOWING VICTORIA

DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING

IMOGEN STEINER - NATIONAL FINALIST

National Dairy Cattle Judging Championship - Sunday 17 April 2022 1.00pm



ASA AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AUSTRALIA

VAS SHOWING VICTORIA

MERINO FLEECE JUDGING

TESS RUNTING - NATIONAL FINALIST

National Merino Fleece Judging Championship - Thursday 14 April 2022 2:00pm



ASA AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AUSTRALIA

VAS SHOWING VICTORIA

MEAT SHEEP JUDGING

TESS RUNTING - NATIONAL FINALIST

National Meat Breed Sheep Judging Championship - Friday 15 April 2022 2:00pm

2022 National Finals - Young Farmer Challenge

Victoria will also have a team representing the State in the Young Farmer Challenge. The State Final will be held at Farm World (Lardner Park) on the 25th March. All the best to the competing teams on Friday.



The Australian Farmer



We are proud to present a heavily refreshed version of the second instalment of The Australian Farmer free digital book, which ASA and VAS Ltd have recently started supporting, available for free to all members and other agricultural enthusiasts!

The Australian Farmer (TAF) digital book campaign was launched in 2017 specifically for and in collaboration with Australian farmers. It offers extensive and expert insight into advanced farming principles and practices in this country to help all farmers, no matter their commodity or region, enhance productivity and profitability outcomes.

This substantially revised tome, that is edited for long-life, continues to deliver original and in-depth articles, case studies, opinion pieces, product reviews and videos on a range of topics including digital technology, automation and machinery, animal and plant health, women in ag, succession planning and water and irrigation. A pioneering media product, that contains lots of new exciting content from various agricultural leaders, TAF serves as an authoritative and enduring educational resource in one easy to access online location, designed to be saved in your bookmarks and returned to over time, chock full of links, tips and expert opinions and ideas.

Get your free copy of this updated landmark publication dedicated to farming profitability and productivity here!

www.theaustralianfarmer.com/digital-book

Promotion of Events for Shows

For Show Societies that are holding their annual event or a rescheduled event please do not hesitate to send through your schedule, event poster or any details regarding your event so it can be added to the VAS Ltd Website and be promoted on our VAS Facebook.

Look forward to seeing Agricultural Shows back bigger than ever in 2022!