



# VICTORIAN AGRICULTURAL SHOWS LTD

## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020





## Chairpersons Report – Jenny Daffy

Hi All and Welcome to 2020.

The Spring Show season was successful for many, but the weather played a big part in damaging some Shows gates. General reports were increased gates at some Shows, and this was due to changes in promotion of their Shows, adding new activities to attract a wider range of people or a celebration of what the community can produce.

I attended many Shows as a guest or a judge of horses which numbers were down in some cases. The 2020 Saddle Horse Championships was a huge Show and very successful where VAS celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> year of the Championships. Many thanks to everyone that helped with the Saddle Horse Championships which went really well and there have only been good reports.

I was invited by the RASV and attended the opening of the new Victoria pavilion which was a good evening and the renovations and improvement to the pavilion will be a great asset to the RASV. The Victoria pavilion is the pavilion that the homecrafts are displayed in during the Royal Show.

The Executive Officer and I have met with Racing Victoria which is keen to consider more Off The Track events at the Shows. Further discussions will take place over the next few months and outcomes will be reported at a later date.

I recently attended the WASA group finals which had a good attendance at their dinner with 3 Rural Ambassadors & 5 Junior Show Ambassadors.

The VAS State Dairy finals went well and thanks to the stewards Scott Somerville, Neville McDonald and John Tyrell that attended and to Janelle McDonald for presenting the awards. Good Luck to the winners that will represent Victoria in New Zealand at the ASA National Finals late October.

The State Government grants is taking considerable time to notify Societies on the outcome of the application for Agricultural & Pastoral Society grants. The Executive Officer has been continually putting pressure on the Government to get the announcements out to Societies which should have been prior to Christmas. Hopefully notifications will go out in the next short while.

The Federal Government grants that closed mid-December had a fantastic response with applications as per the following: VIC 72 applications for 10.8m, NSW 144 applications for 20.7m, NT 3 applications for .3m, QLD 117 applications for 22.9m, SA 47 applications for 6.6m, WA 41 applications for 4.8m and 6 state applications. Total 445 applications for 69.1m, Total amount of grants offered by Federal Govt. is \$20m. Good luck with your applications and hopefully Victorian Shows receive some deserved funds.

The next major event for VAS Ltd is the Council meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at the Melbourne Showgrounds as per the advert below. I would like to thank the RASV for providing the Guest speaker Glenn Smith who manages the OH&S at the Melbourne Showgrounds. I look forward to your attendance.

Many thanks Jenny Daffy

## **VAS Ltd March Council Meeting**

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Where:** RASV Admin Building – Melbourne Showgrounds

**Time:** 10am Start

**Guest Speaker:** Glenn Smith OH&S Manager RASV

RSVP by 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020 by Email: [info@vicagshows.com.au](mailto:info@vicagshows.com.au) or Phone: 03 5441 5555



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## Dairy Cattle Parading & Judging State Final Results

### Dairy Cattle Parading Results

**Winner:** Georgia Sieben

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Toby Fleming

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Kasey Shields

### Dairy Cattle Judging Results

**Winner:** Zoe Hayes

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Samuel Macadam

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Lincoln Sieben

Georgia & Zoe will represent Victoria at the ASA National Finals in New Zealand October 2020.

Thank you to Tatura Milk for your Sponsorship of the Dairy Cattle Parading & Judging State Finals.



## ASA 2020 Conference

Victorian Rural Ambassadors for 2018 and 2019, James Kirkpatrick and Grace Calder, along with state finalists Alex Bain, Emma Henne, Lucy Powell, Meaghan Venables and Stephanie Anthony were fortunate to attend the Agricultural Shows Australia conference on the Gold Coast in January 2019. Biosecurity, eTicketing, virtual engagement activities, environmental initiatives, leadership transitions, sponsorship and risk management were some of the many highlights of the conference presentations. The group are all incredibly grateful to the RASV for the scholarships and support to assist their conference attendance and look forward to sharing their knowledge and experience with local shows.





## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

*Congratulations to the Victorian Agricultural Show Societies and volunteers that received awards, recognition for their efforts and work within their local communities on Australia Day*



*Pictured Below:*  
**Zack Currie (Horsham President)**  
**Horsham Young Citizen of the Year & Horsham Show Committee Members - Community Event of the Year**



*Pictured Above:*  
**Paul Tripp (Lilydale President) Citizen of the Year & Lilydale Show Committee Members - Shire of Yarra Ranges - Community Group of the Year**



*Pictured Left:*  
**Tyler Hayden (Groke Show)**  
**West Wimmera Shire**  
**Young Citizen of the Year**

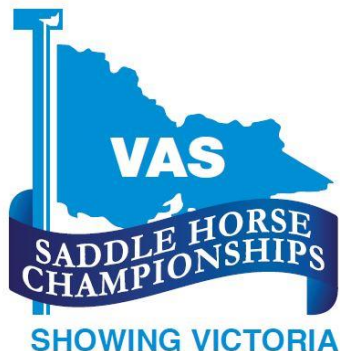
*Pictured Right:*  
**Myrtleford & District A & P Society**  
**Australia Day**  
**Alpine Shire Event Award**





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## 2020 Saddle Horse Championships

### Record Entries & A Great Success

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victorian Agricultural Shows Saddle Horse Championships was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 at the Bendigo Showgrounds. This year's event took another positive step forward recording record entries with just over 350 Horses, 1200 plus individual entries and 242 Exhibitors.

The event features winners from all our affiliated Shows in a range of sections and one of the highlights is the Racing Victoria sponsored Off the Track Ridden & Led Series finals & Harness Racing Victoria sponsored Alabar HERO Series. Rehoming of horses is an important program for the industry and VAS Ltd has been working with Racing Victoria & Harness Racing Victoria for several years now in creating Life after Racing in the Show Horse world.

VAS Ltd would like to thank everyone that was involved in making the championships such a success from the Saddle Horse Committee, Stewards, Judges, Exhibitors & Sponsors. All results can be viewed on the VAS Ltd Website on the Saddle Horse Championships Tab.



VAS Ltd gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the following supporters and sponsors:

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**DUE DATE**

## VAS Affiliation Form & Payment

**Form Due: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Payment Due: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

VAS would appreciate if Show Societies can aim towards these dates, so it does not hold up processes. To be included in publications & promotion you must provide updated details.

A filliable PDF of the affiliation form is available in the members area on the website.



Applications are now open  
for the 2021 VAS Ltd  
Convention



A VAS Ltd group or individual Show Society can make application to host the 2021 VAS Ltd Convention

More information contact the VAS Ltd Office  
Applications Close 30th April 2020  
Send to: [eo@vicagshows.com.au](mailto:eo@vicagshows.com.au)



Nominations are now open  
for the VAS Ltd Board



Must be nominated by two voting delegates from two different affiliated members.

A nomination form will be sent to each Show Society at a later date.

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## Save The Date!

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

June 2020

Hosted By



More Information will be available at the March Council Meeting & will be posted on the VAS Ltd Website [www.vicagshows.com.au/convention](http://www.vicagshows.com.au/convention)

## 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.*



## Meritorious Awards

A VAS Ltd Meritorious award is recognition for service to the Agricultural Show movement and in particular Victorian Agricultural Shows Ltd. Meritorious Awards are for individuals whose contribution has been either long and outstanding to VAS Ltd including the three (3) levels of VAS Ltd or beyond, eg: Local, Group and VAS Ltd Committees or Board.

### **NOMINATION CRITERIA:**

1. Must be, but not limited to being, a financial member, honorary or Life member of an Agricultural Show affiliated with VAS Ltd.
2. Hold or has held an Executive position or assisted heavily in their local show and Group **in a voluntary position.**
3. Has made a significant voluntary contribution to benefit an affiliated Show Society.
4. Demonstrate leadership qualities which inspire enthusiasm among others.  
Provide names and addresses of two (2) referees on nomination form.

Nominations are due on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and to be sent to: [eo@vicagshows.com.au](mailto:eo@vicagshows.com.au)



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## 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







## Changes to the VAS Ltd Competitions for Spring 2020 / Autumn 2021

### VAS Senior & Junior Photography Subject Change

New Subject: Animal/s in Action  
This theme will be used for two  
years



### VAS Sewing Competition Change

Wearable vest, fully lined with  
embellishments allowed, sewn by  
machine.



### VAS Crochet Competition Change

A 3D item, no larger than 50cm  
on any one side.



*2020/21 Competition Kit will be released early April with two new additions of State Final Competitions of Woodwork & Cross Stich. Keep an eye out for these competitions at your local Show. All societies will be sent the competition kit and will be available on the Members Area.*

*Thank you to Gallagher Insurance for the support of Victorian Agricultural Shows and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact them as they are there to help you.*

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