

**AgShows NSW and The Showmen's Guild of Australasia**

**MINUTES**

<b>Time &amp; Date:</b>	Friday 22 March, 2024
<b>Place:</b>	RAS Boardroom, Level 2 of the Administration Building 1 Showground Rd Sydney Olympic Park.
<b>Time</b>	10:00am – 11:00am

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendees**

Brooke Beales (AgShows NSW CEO/Chair)  
 Wendy Woodward OAM (Director/Nowra)  
 Jody Nelson-Gleeson (AgShows NSW Vice President/Taree)  
 Lindsay Boyton (Director/Eurobodalla)  
 Andrea Roth (Director/Hawkesbury)  
 Brett Gleeson (Maitland)  
 Stephen Hatty (Director/Ganmain)  
 Veronica Cudmore (Director/Griffith)  
 James Thomson (Nowra)  
 Peter Commens (Director/Junelee)  
 Heather Bush (Cootamundra)  
 Jacki Waugh (Goulburn)  
 Nestor Ellinopoulos (Goulburn)  
 Heather Stiboy (Temora)  
 Kelso Looker (Director/Armidale)  
 Michael Brennan (Kiama Show)  
 Jill Chapman (AgShows NSW President)  
 Katie Stanley (AgShows NSW/Minute taker)  
 Nicky Seeto (AgShows NSW)  
 Aaron Pink (President Showmen's Guild)  
 Dave Hodgson (Showmen's Guild)  
 Robert Young (Showmen's Guild)

**Apologies**

Sue Hood (Director/Dubbo)  
 Sandi Gordon (Showmen's Guild)  
 Lyndy Cornwell (AgShows NSW)  
 Jarrod Wraigh (Bega)  
 Susan Lumsdaine (Bellingen)  
 Hannah Schulz (Cumnock)  
 Tonia Channon (Gloucester)  
 Adelina La Vita (Canberra)  
 Robert Hamilton (Wagga Wagga)  
 Roslyn Shearer (Singleton)  
 Caroline Halpen Gibbs (Bega)

Shaugan Morgan (Temora) Brittany Baker (Tarago) Breanne Cleve (Finley) Brett Kenworthy (Director/Bathurst) Rebecca Cope (Director/Narrabri)
<p><b>Quorum:</b> Yes</p>
<p><b>ITEMS TO DISCUSS</b></p>
<p><b>1. Showmen’s Guild - Banned Item List 2022-2023 (as on SGA &amp; ASA websites)</b></p> <p>AgShows NSW says it is referencing the list of banned items which is on the <a href="#">ASA Website and dated 2022/2023</a>. Aaron Pink said the Victorian list was extensive and another point of reference which could be used. He suggested Shows also needed to review the non-Guild trade stands and what they are selling and noted that knives and blades are going to be the biggest challenge for Shows moving forward.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Sandi Gordon to send out an updated list from the Showmen’s Guild for 2024/2025. Alternatively, the list could be placed on the Showmen’s Guild website which AgShows NSW can link to and circulate to members.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Jacki Waugh asked for the updated list to be circulated to all Shows.</p> <p><b>2. Showmen’s Guild – Traditional Showmen’s Lines 2024</b></p> <p>James Thomson raised that Nowra Show gave free rent to Guild members in the hope to bring more rides but only food vans turned up including ‘Chip on a stick’ which competed with independent operators who pay for trade space.</p> <p>Aaron Pink suggested that Shows need to clearly articulate if they do not want particular food items operating at their show. Acknowledged by the Show Society.</p> <p>Andrea Roth highlighted that it is important that there is communication between the Show and the Guild, so each body clearly understands which vendor and type of food is turning up.</p> <p>In the restricted Guild area only Guild members can sell. Guild members cannot sell outside of the Guild area. Aaron Pink explained that the Guild cannot restrict how many of the same attractions/rides or food stalls are in the Guild area. Guild members compete.</p> <p>Aaron Pink added that the Guild members know exactly which Shows they are going to attend. The Guild have a Facebook page that seeks information as to what rides are going to Shows so they can share that information and advertise. Aaron Pink acknowledged that communication between Guild members and Shows is an ongoing challenge and improved communication would benefit all.</p> <p>T Branson asked what information the Guild keeps for each of its members and what the role of the Guild is for its members. Aaron Pink confirmed that the Guild cites its members insurance and checks that the ride machinery is registered but this is usually conducted</p>

on site. He said the Guild head office does not keep a copy of their documentations. The body is also there to regulate and control the members.

Section 68 is becoming a regular part of the paperwork for the Guild.

### **3. Showmen's Guild & AgShows NSW MOU**

Brooke Beales to draft a MOU. Aaron Pink said many years ago, most agreements were handshakes.

### **4. Agreements between Guild & Shows**

Still seeing some Shows not having agreements in place before commencement of Shows. Aaron Pink suggested an agreement between each Show and the Guild is ideal.

AgShows NSW will explore creating an easy to use, draft license agreement template which Shows and Guild members can use.

Kelso Looker mentioned the Barraba Show has not changed its dates in many years but has still missed out on getting rides. Aaron Pink is hoping that a new insurance provider will generate renewed competition, reduce premiums to enable ride operators/Guild members to reenter the market or bring more rides.

### **5. Insurance**

AgShows NSW noted it had received advice there was a new Unauthorised Foreign Insurer (UFI) licensed out of Seychelles in Australia which was not APRA approved and as such there could be issues paying out claims if they arose. Aaron Pink confirmed the Guild's premiums are very high and the Guild members have been limited to one provider (via Cover Sure) in Australia which was not APRA approved. He said the Guild had conducted some investigations about the new insurance provider and advised the meeting they were paying claims and were backed by Aviva (new underwriter) and linked to Lloyds of London.

Jill Chapman is concerned that if the new insurer does not pay out, it puts the Show Societies at risk as well as individual Guild members. Aaron Pink said its members have a code of conduct that the Guild will ensure they abide by, and its own members share the same risk if the insurer does not fulfil its obligations.

### **6. Risk Management & Compliance**

Ensuring that sights are clean and compliant once the site is vacated. Jacki Waugh raised that the Guild members need to help with the clean up after an event, particularly dog faeces. Aaron Pink said one of the challenges is the removal and/or replenishment of garbage bins during bump out times. He said when the bins are removed too early/while they are packing up or are full, it creates issues leaving a clean site. He asked Shows to contact the Guild if this issue occurs.

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## **7. General Business**

Brooke Beales thanked the Showmen's Guild for supporting the submission to the Crown lands review.

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