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AgShows

1 June 2024 • Dubbo

Where: Dubbo RSL – 178 Brisbane Street, Dubbo NSW 2830

When: Saturday 1st June from 9am, optional welcome drinks Friday 31st May from 6.30pm.

Unleash the potential of your Show! Join us for a power-packed day at Celebrating AgShows 2024. Engage with industry leaders through insightful keynote addresses and interactive panel sessions. Network with fellow show organisers and discover fresh ideas to:

- **Cultivate Agritourism:** Explore innovative strategies to leverage agritourism and draw in new audiences to your show.
- **Master Risk Management:** Build your confidence with expert advice on handling crises and implementing effective communication plans.
- **Market Like a Pro (for Free!):** Uncover creative, no-cost marketing tactics to supercharge your show's promotion.
- **Unlock Customer Insights:** Learn how to harness valuable customer data.
- **Manage Livestock Traceability:** Easy ways improve your show's livestock management.

Book now (tickets close Friday 24th May at 6pm) on 123TIX to secure your spot.

Showring Announcers Workshop (Lyndsey Douglas): 4-6pm. Here's the registration link: <https://www.123tix.com.au/events/44132/show-announcers-academy-dubbo-workshop>

Welcome Drinks (hosted by Next Gen): Friday 31st May 2024 (evening/optional)

Conference: Saturday 1 June 2024 (all day). Registration 8.30am

ASC of NSW AGM: Saturday 1 June 2024 (5pm). [AGM RSVP](#).

Awards & Gala Dinner: Saturday 1 June 2024 (6.30pm drinks, 7.30pm dinner)

Charge:

Welcome Drinks – Nibbles provided by Next Gen. Drinks at your cost.

Celebrating AgShows Saturday Program - \$25 (includes morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea)

Awards & Gala Dinner - \$80 (includes a three-course meal and drinks)

Register for both and receive a \$5 discount (discount will be applied on checkout)

The Directors and AgShows NSW team look forward to welcoming you.



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The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman 2026 Zone Final Hosts

- Zone 1 – Kyogle – 14th February
- Zone 2 – Albion Park – 21st February
- Zone 3 – TBC
- Zone 4 – Warialda – 7th February
- Zone 5 – Mudgee – 24th January
- Zone 6 – Eugowra – 28th February
- Zone 7 – Ganmain – 31st January

We have not yet received an application from a Show Society in Zone 3 (Groups 6 and 7). Please reach out to nicky.seeto@ascofnsw.org.au if you are interested and would like more information.

Smoking on Showgrounds guide

New guidelines have been created to help Show's manage smoking on the Showground and remain compliant with current laws. [Click here to view/download](#).



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President's Post

At the time of our last newsletter, we were heading to the Sydney Royal Easter Show. As a result of the young judges and paraders competitions our National finalists will be heading to the Melbourne Royal commencing at the end of September. The judging of grains has been held by NSW for many years, but this year will be the first year as a National Final. AgShows NSW wish all our competitors well with the list of competitors listed in this newsletter.

Since being in Sydney our finalists in The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman program have been very busy. The 2024 winner Domonique Wyse and runner-up Paris Capell have shared an update in this newsletter as to what all the finalists are up to now. It is wonderful to see at shows three or four of our finalists out and about supporting and actively spreading the word about the Young Woman program.

At the SRES local shows from across the state were running the Bush BBQ which is an amazing fundraiser kindly offered by the RAS but also a really strong team building day. Also, congratulations to Lithgow and Walcha shows on receiving funding through the RAS Foundation.

I would also like to acknowledge the generosity of the RAS of NSW who provided space for our staff to work from during the show. This gave our show community an opportunity to engage with the staff and Directors and we are hopeful that this comes to fruition again in 2025.

As mentioned in the March Newsletter the Crown Lands Management Act 2016 is currently under review. AgShows NSW, with the support of shows across the state, provided a submission to the review and I would like to acknowledge the work that CEO Brooke Beales did on this as still a very new employee to the organisation.

Shows across the state have enjoyed some excellent results whilst others hard work has been dampened by the rain. The Autumn run of shows is about to conclude with just Warren and Bourke to run. Bourke Show will celebrate 150 years on the 1st of June as we find many of our shows this year either celebrating 150 shows or 150 years. This is of credit to those communities and wish the Show committees success as they mark these milestones.

I would like to acknowledge Helen Kirton who has been on the ASC Board for 25 years. Thank you, Helen, for everything you've done and continue to do. Congratulations on reaching such an impressive milestone.

I would also like to acknowledge the retirement of four Board Directors with the Annual General Meeting of the Agricultural Societies Council being held on Saturday 1st June. On behalf of the Board, I would like to acknowledge Peter Gooch (Immediate Past President, joined 2012), David Williams OAM (Group 3, joined 2016), Peter Commens (Group 8, joined 2018) and Dave Herbert (Group 10, joined 2017). The role of group delegate and ASC Director is a volunteer commitment that takes considerable time with Directors taking on additional roles within the Board. Thank you, Peter, David, Peter, and Dave.

I hope to see many shows being represented in Dubbo for Celebrating AgShows 2024 on the 31st May – 1 June.



Jill Chapman



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8:30am	Registration Including tea & coffee	
9:00am	Welcome Official opening Dugald Saunders MP	Lyndsey Douglas Convenor Jill Chapman President AgShows NSW
	Creating Member Value	Brooke Beales CEO AgShows NSW
	Event Success Harnessing Customer Insights and Benefits of Online Platforms	Terry Wilcher 123Tix; Amy Piper Showdayonline Lee Michelle Eventicity; Kent Palmer Camden Show
	Keeping Calm in a Crisis Risk Management & Crisis Communication	Jeremy Mitchell Director & Specialist Advisor Corporate Affairs and External Relations Lynelle Smith CFE Head of Entertainment RAS Hugh Southwell Past President Camden Show
	Leveraging Agritourism to Grow Your Show	Kate Shilling Managing Director - Straight Forward Tourism & Agritourism Project Manager, Tourism Australia
	Enhancing Livestock Traceability in Agricultural Shows	NSW Department of Primary Industries and Evidn
	16 Ways to Market your Show for Free	Jenn Donovan Director Social Media & Marketing, Author and leader of Facebook Group "Buy from a Bush Business"
	Collaborative session and Q & A	Lyndsey Douglas

5:00pm
Join us for our
Annual General Meeting

6:30pm
Pre-dinner drinks

7:30pm
Gala Dinner and AgShows NSW Awards

Thank you to our Sponsor



AgShowsNSW Awards 2024

Innovation Award Finalists (highlighted in yellow)

Show Society Name
Morriset Lake Macquarie Agricultural Assoc Inc
Bribbaree Show Society Incorporated
Cobargo Agricultural, Pastoral & Horticultural Society Inc.
The Camden Show Society Inc
Nowra Show Society Inc
Central North Coast National Agricultural Society Limited (Kempsey)

2023 Resilience Award Finalists (highlighted in yellow)

Show Society Name	Name of Nominee
Kyogle PA & H Society Incorporated	Lauren Schottelius
Eugowra Show Society Inc.	Janet Moxey
Central North Coast National Agricultural Society Limited (Kempsey)	Stewart Witchard
Bega A P & H Society Incorporated	Caroline Happern-Gibbs

Dedication Award Finalists (highlighted in yellow)

Show Society	Name of Nominee	Nominated by
Kyogle PA & H Society Incorporated	Andrea McIntosh	Lauren Schottelius
Kyogle PA & H Society Incorporated	Ashleigh Dell	Lauren Schottelius
Kyogle PA & H Society Incorporated	Chrystine Graham	Lauren Schottelius
Kyogle PA & H Society Incorporated	Matthew Painter	Naomi Fuller and Zoe Mackay
Kyogle PA & H Society Incorporated	Lauren Schottelius	Naomi Fuller and Zoe Mackay
Morriset Lake Macquarie Agricultural Assoc Inc	Robert and Marie Kildey	Justin Rumore
Dungog A&H Association	Owen Nicholson	Jeanie Briggs-Seers
Bellinger River Agricultural Society Inc	Gillian Anderson	Susan Lumsdaine
Hay Show Society Inc	Jennifer Sheaffe & Margaret Harvey	Kim Gibbs
Macleay Show Society Ltd	Robert (Robbie) Sutherland	Brian Ferrie
Kangaroo Valley A&H Association	Irene Dunn	Intan Kallus and Lorraine Mairinger
Milton Show Society Inc.	Heather Baker	Yvonne Young
The Camden Show Society Inc	Richard Stanford	Jason Williams
Kiama Show Society Incorporated	Ray Piper	Jen Hampshire
Dubbo Show Society Inc	William (Bill) Harris	Dubbo Show Committee
Central North Coast National Agricultural Society Limited (Kempsey)	Stewart Witchard	Michelle Abrahamse
Central North Coast National Agricultural Society Limited (Kempsey)	Terry Witchard	Michelle Abrahamse
Central North Coast National Agricultural Society Limited (Kempsey)	Montana Osborne	Terry Witchard
Central North Coast National Agricultural Society Limited (Kempsey)	Peter Rosten	Terry Witchard
Central North Coast National Agricultural Society Limited (Kempsey)	Dallas Kemp	Michelle Abrahamse
The Nowra Show Society Inc	Jill Turnbull	Robyn Nelson
Walcha Show Society Inc	Dale Webber	Daniel Kermod

Congratulations to all the 2024 award nominees and finalists. The Awards will be presented at the Gala Dinner and Awards Night at the Dubbo RSL Memorial Club on 1 June 2024. Please book a table and support the finalists and enjoy a great night. The evening is proudly sponsored by 123 Tix. Chris Eggleton is the MC for the evening.

Reach out to your Show friends and [book a table](#).



Changes to Income Tax Reporting Requirements

On 26th April 2024 the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) commenced distributing an email - *Your annual self-review reporting obligations*. The notice outlines changes to the reporting requirements of organisations to self-review their tax-exempt status and is a new requirement effective 1st July 2024.

Who needs to complete this return?

If you are a not-for-profit (NFP), have an active Australian business number (ABN), you must lodge an annual NFP self-review return starting with the 2023–24 income year.

Use the information here to guide discussions with your board or committee, to:

- Prepare responses for the NFP self-review return, and
- Determine your eligibility for income tax exemption.

The NFP self-review return will not be available to lodge until 1st July 2024, in ATO Online services.

Who doesn't complete this return?

Don't complete this NFP self-review return if any of the following apply to your organisation:

- You are a certain type of government entity. (this is not likely to apply to any Show Society)
- You are an Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) type of entity
- You are a taxable NFP. (this is not likely to apply to any Show Society)

There are therefore 2 options for Shows:

OPTION 1 – If you are registered with the ACNC then you DO NOT need to complete the self-assessment to retain your tax-exempt status as your ACNC registration is already registered with the Australian Taxation Office. You will complete your reporting obligation when the form becomes available, and your obligations will be met. REMEMBER you will still need to report, you just will not be required to complete the self-review.

OPTION 2 – This is for Shows who are NOT registered with the ACNC. You have an obligation to self-review and report to the ATO to retain your tax-exempt status. As a part of the process to complete the form you will be required to determine, from 11 categories, what best reflects the main purpose of the organisation. Herein lies the problem and the main reason for this Information Statement. Because the categories, as described, do not accurately reflect or are ambiguous when it comes to what Shows do, we are currently working with the ATO to determine how this needs to be handled. **The ATO has requested currently, that Shows DO NOT attempt to complete the self-review when it becomes available until the issue is resolved and you are advised to complete your obligations. Further updates and advice for Shows will be provided once they are received from the ATO.**

If you have any queries in relation to any of this or wish to discuss your situation, please contact the AgShows NSW Office to discuss.

More information – [visit the ATO website](#)

Agricultural Societies Council of NSW Annual General Meeting

AGM Saturday 1st June at 5.00pm AEST, at Dubbo RSL Memorial Club – 178 Brisbane Street, Dubbo NSW 2830.

Links:

- [The agenda for this meeting](#)
- [The minutes of the last Annual General meeting](#)
- [2023 financial statements and Auditor's report](#)
- [Paper on the proposed changes to the ASC of NSW Constitution](#)
- [Current ASC of NSW Constitution](#)
- [Marked up ASC of NSW Constitution reflecting the proposed changes](#)
- [Paper on the election of Directors](#)

At the meeting, members will have the opportunity to:

- find out about the ASC of NSW's operations and finances
- ask questions about the operations and finances of ASC of NSW
- speak about any items on the agenda
- vote on any resolutions proposed

At the meeting, members will be asked to vote to:

- accept the minutes of the last annual general meeting
- accept the auditor's report
- accept the annual financial statements
- appoint the auditor
- elect Directors

The following special resolutions will be proposed at the annual general meeting:

1. Amendment to the Constitution of the ASC of NSW – Governance Committee
2. Amendment to the Constitution of the ASC of NSW – Group Member
3. Amendment to the Constitution of the ASC of NSW – Removal of the transition of association to company references.
4. Amendment to the Constitution of the ASC of NSW – remove ambiguity in language.

Proxy

Please [click here](#) for the proxy appointment forms. Your proxy voting instruction must be received by **5:00pm AEST on Wednesday 29 May** being not less than 72 hours before the commencement of the meeting. Any proxy voting instructions received after that time will not be valid.

RSVP

To help us plan accordingly, please RSVP **5:00pm AEST on Wednesday 29 May 2024**:

- Online form: [2024 Annual General Meeting RSVP & Proxy Lodgement Form](#)

Insurance Program 2024/2025

The PSC Insurance Program for the 2024-2025 year (commencing 31 May 2024) has been ratified by the ASC Board. We appreciate their hard work negotiating the best rates and coverage possible for our members.

While premium increases are at a minimum, unfortunately, there will be an increase in the cost of the insurance program, due to the current market conditions, the increase in extreme weather events and the rise in cybercrime and the need to recover all insurance costs.

In the past, AgShows NSW was able to subsidise insurance and brokerage fees to offset this cost for members. However, due to rising costs in Associations Liability, and the decision by the ASC Board to recover Brokerage fees, AgShows NSW can no longer fully cover these expenses.

AgShows NSW Young Woman Dinner

On Wednesday March 20 AgShows once again enjoyed hosting 15 Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW State Finalists, judges, sponsors (Birdsnest, PSC Insurance, Royal Agricultural Society of NSW, and The Land), guests and the 2024 Rural Achievers at Strathfield Golf Club.

AgShows CEO Brooke Beales welcomed guests. PSC Insurance Brokers Mr. Phil Lemieux and Mr. Rohan Stewart attended with Phil addressing the 80 guests. Their support of the Zone Finals is very much appreciated. It was lovely to see the State Finalists wearing the beautiful strand of pearls they received from PSC.

Guests enjoyed dinner while they learnt more about each of the young women as they shared their passions and ambitions through a Q&A panel session facilitated by Florance McGufficke (The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman 2023), Jessica Towns (Runner Up 2023), Tara Coles (State Finalist and recipient of the Show Announcers Academy Award 2023, Peyton Ford (State Finalist) and Isabella Hanson (The 2023 Queensland Country Life Showgirl). Thank you! This change was very well received.

Thank you to Florance, Jessica and Isabel who shared their experiences and encouraged the Young Woman Finalists.

RAS Councilors Susan Wakeford and Yvette McKenzie were among the guests as were the three State Judges Karen Bailey, Belinda Davidson, and Tim Green.

Thank you to The Land's Andrew Norris and his wife Jacki for all their support and the wonderful photos in the paper.

The evening concluded with a closing address by Jody Nelson-Gleeson, AgShows NSW Vice President, and Chair of Young Woman. Jody congratulated and wished the Sydney Finalists the very best for their time in Sydney.



The Importance in Managing Trip Hazards

We share the information with you pertaining to the importance of actively managing the potential risk of personal injury to third parties, as well as show volunteers, due to the presence of trip hazards at your showground.

Given the increased litigious nature of injured parties, the active representation of plaintiff solicitors and an increased pattern of court decisions made in the favour of plaintiffs, the shows risk management obligations as to the awareness and mitigation of Trip Hazards, is significantly heightened.



It is critical to ensure your premises are always fit for purpose, ensuring the ongoing safety of all users at your showground, whether authorised or not. This also includes actively risk managing borrowed property (i.e. car parking) for such hazards.

Routine inspections of your property is always beneficial especially at event time. Should hazards be identified, please rectify them as soon as possible and if not possible, then please make the area safe until repairs can be undertaken.

Trip Hazard claims can run into several hundreds of thousands of dollars. Your support in managing these and other risks is helpful in maintaining a cost-effective insurance program.

Be Vigilant – Cyber Crime is on the Rise!

In the last 12 months our members have lost over \$50,000 to scammers. Recent claims on Cyber Crime has impacted Insurance Premiums for the 2024-2025 Insurance year.

PLEASE BE VIGILENT

- 1) When paying ALL invoices, it is imperative that you contact your supplier and confirm their invoice details and bank details BEFORE you pay every invoice. Use contact details on the website or other means, not the contact details on the invoice.
- 2) When receiving unsolicited phone calls seeking information about your bank account, please hang up and contact your bank directly.

[Cyber Security Checklist - 2024](#)

Royal Easter Show Dates

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) has set the future dates for the Sydney Royal Easter Shows from 2025 through to 2030. Setting these dates ensures the Show is held during the NSW school holidays.

- 2025 Friday, April 11th, to Tuesday, April 22nd.
- * 2026 Thursday, April 2nd, to Monday, April 13th.
- 2027 Friday, March 19th, to Tuesday, March 30th.
- 2028 Friday, April 7th, to Tuesday, April 18th.
- 2029 Friday, March 23rd, to Tuesday, April 3rd.
- 2030 Friday, April 12th, to Tuesday, April 23rd.

*Except for 2026, Easter coincides with the second weekend of the Show.



Ensure Accurate Replacement Costs for Your Showground Buildings

Did you know building costs have risen significantly? This is due to inflation and rising building and materials costs (minimum inflation rate experienced on building costs in the last 12 months is approximately 7%). If you own your own showground and buildings and have not increased your Showground building replacement costs in recent years in your insurance declaration, this could mean you may be underinsured. Having inaccurate replacement costs can lead to financial hardship if you need to rebuild after an unforeseen event.

We recommend getting an up-to-date valuation on your Showground buildings. This will ensure you have the right level of insurance coverage and avoid paying unnecessary premiums due to underinsurance. To get your buildings accurately valued, you can find an accredited property valuer in your area on the [Australian Property Institute website](#) or you could use an online provider such as <https://ivaluateproperty.com/>.

If you obtain a valuation and would like to increase the replacement costs of your buildings in the insurance policy, you can do this at any time throughout the year – just contact us at ascadmin@ascofnsw.org.au. Increases to building values will increase the cost of premiums.

By ensuring accurate replacement costs for your buildings, you'll have peace of mind knowing you're protected in case of the unexpected.

When is your Show Legally Open?

Many Shows find that, even though they've printed a firm opening and closing time on all their brochures and posters, people arrive early or are still milling around, in some cases hours later. The entry gates open and close on time, but the ride operators are busy and you're happy to help them make extra money.

Legally, even though the entry gates are closed, if there are any patrons on the showground, your Show is still open – and the Show Committee is still responsible for the people on site.

Whenever you choose to open or close your Show, you will still need to have a Committee member, security and traffic management stay onsite when arriving or until all patrons have left. It is important that people are onsite who can manage any emergency situations that may arise. Remember late at night when people are tired is often when incidents occur.

AgShows NSW Rich Fruit Cake Competition

The height requirement (5.7cm) from the Rich Fruit cake competition guidelines has been removed effective from 30th July 2024. The decision comes after feedback regarding the unnecessary height criteria due to metric measurements.

- [Rich Fruit Cake Regulations](#)

Local Competition – Ensure the recipe, instructions and \$25 prizemoney are included in the show schedule. Pay \$25 prizemoney to the winner at the conclusion of the competition. Invoice AgShows NSW for the \$25 so a reimbursement can be processed.

Group Final – The Group secretary needs to contact the exhibitors at least 1 month in advance giving details of where and when the Group Final competition will take place. Pay \$50 prizemoney to the winner at the conclusion of the competition. Invoice AgShows NSW for the \$50 so a reimbursement can be processed.

The 2024 RAS Foundation Rural Scholars sponsored by AgShows NSW

Purpose

To build strong, vibrant and resilient rural and regional communities and enhance skills availability by helping to enable access to post high school education and training for rural NSW students.

RASF Rural Scholarships support a diverse range of tertiary study and training pursuits for Rural NSW students who:

- demonstrate a passion for rural issues and opportunities and who are committed to playing a part in shaping the future of rural and regional NSW
- who need a financial helping hand to achieve their further education goals and aspirations
- may be of any age undertaking full time, part-time or external tertiary study or training (university, VET courses, and apprenticeships)
- are in any year of further study or training and they can be pursuing a diverse range of education and training pursuits
- are actively involved in their local community



WILLIAM GORDON Forbes

Bachelor of Agriculture/Bachelor of Business

William is in the fourth year of a Bachelor of Agriculture/ Bachelor of Business, studying at the University of New England. He originates from Forbes where he attended primary and high school and moved to Armidale to complete his degree. He is off a small property near Forbes predominantly running sheep. William looks forward to playing an active role in rural NSW, engaging within the community whilst also undertaking multiple opportunities and aiming to provide value in the agricultural industry.

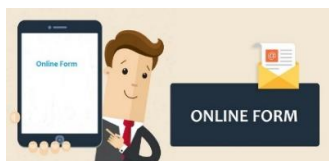


CHELSEA ZAINI Bowraville

Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Chelsea is currently studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Biology /Veterinary Science at Charles Sturt University and will be heading into her fourth year. Coming from a beef property on the mid north coast of NSW, she understands how important the health and welfare of livestock is and led her to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. Her passion lies within rural communities and her goal upon graduation is to work in a rural practice to assist communities where veterinary access is limited. To be able to be part of change and allow communities who are short of veterinary care to have better access to services is Chelsea's ultimate goal.

Insurance Declaration Form



Insurance Declaration Form

Thank you to all members for completing the online insurance declaration form. The cooperation which AgShows NSW received from members in completing the form is much appreciated.

The members affiliation fees and insurance premium invoices along with a copy of your new Certificate of Currency will be emailed over the next few months.

If you require your Certificate of Currency before then, please email Lyndy asc.admin@ascofnsw.org.au

Horse Judges Code of Conduct/Declaration Form

[Code of Conduct for Horse Judges Judge Agreement and Declaration](#)

Model Horse Regulations

Example of Horse Regulations to be placed in your Show Schedule.

<https://www.agshowsnsw.org.au/resources/horse-info>



Group Innovation Program

AgShows NSW recognises a need to assist our affiliated member groups with programs to educate, support and strengthen their individual show societies. This program provides funding support to our groups in their endeavours to establish, strengthen and/or implement projects, which would benefit Groups and their individual Show Societies.

Projects of up to \$2,500.00 will be considered.

<https://www.agshowsnsw.org.au/resources/group-innovation-program>

NSW Chainsaw Racing Rules - Competition Regulations

All racing events occurring after 30 June 2024, will be governed by the AgShows NSW Chainsaw Racing Competition Rules updated November 2023.

- [Chainsaw Racing Rules and Regulations - updated November 2023](#)

Wool Article Garment

All articles/garments must contain a minimum of 80% sheep wool, excluding lining, to qualify for competition.

- [Wool Article/Garment Regulations](#) have been updated to clearly explain the use of 80% sheep wool excluding lining.

Quilted Patchwork Regulations

[Quilted Patchwork Regulations](#) have been updated to give examples of different items that can be included in this competition.

Agricultural Shows Australia

Reminder that there are several great resources for your Ag Shows to pick up and use on the ASA website and Youtube Channel. How to run a Young Farmer Challenge, 'How to guides' for Young Judges, promotional material for Young Judges/Paraders, Young Farmers Challenge and Grains/Oilseeds competitions plus videos on the next generation groups, emerging leaders, how to judge Merino sheep and so much more.

www.agshowsaustralia.org.au

Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx5dp8wtpsVwKB5lw3erPvQ>

The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Announcement – Sydney Royal Easter Show

The 15 State Finalists were interviewed onstage by Lyndsey Douglas. The Judges Ms. Karen Bailey, Mrs. Belinda Davidson, and Mr. Timothy Green selected Domonique Wyse, Taree as the 2024 winner and Paris Capell, Orange as the runner up.

Domonique is studying a Bachelor of Education. She enjoys showing and judging livestock, team sports, learning sign language and reading. Domonique is the Vice President for the ASC of NSW Next Generation and ensures that the NextGen committee and members are involved in as many Ag Shows as possible through enhancing the use of the NextGen Ribbon, youth involvement and volunteering. Within the next five years, Domonique plans to buy her first home, expand her teaching career, obtain a secondary tertiary education in meat science and be a role model for young rural people.

Paris is a Project Officer in Climate Vulnerability Assessment with NSW Department of Primary Industries. She is also the Co-President of Central West Intrepid Landcare, Secretary of Central West Young Aggies, and a committee member of the Orange Show Society. Her professional goal is to continue to provide research and extension in agricultural industries. She is passionate about reducing the hurdles for producers to become carbon neutral and ensuring businesses contemplate succession planning when considering a carbon project. Her personal ambition is to get a board director traineeship or shadow position to continue growing her leadership skills and knowledge on governance.

Congratulations to Emily Barton, Walgett Show on winning the inaugural Show Announcers Academy scholarship as a finalist of the 2024 The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman program. Thanks to [Agricultural emcee: Lyndsey Douglas](#) for such a wonderful opportunity.

Photos courtesy of the RAS.



2024 Rural Achiever

Congratulations to Grace Collins (Armidale) the 2024 RAS Rural Achiever.

Young Woman Competition Guidelines and Forms

Know a person who would be a great Young Woman? – Encourage and help them to enter the 2025 competitions! [Click here](#) for the forms.



Young Woman Update from Domonique Wyse and Paris Capell

It has been quite the start of the year for the 2024 Young Woman State finalists. So far, 2024 Young Woman Domonique Wyse has covered Walgett, Gunnedah, Bathurst, Moree, Narrabri and Dubbo Shows and, in the process, suffered one flat tyre and a one roo debacle. Thank you to all these Show Societies for their wonderful hospitality and commitment to supporting the Young Women program, and for Narrabri for hosting Dom as a Young Woman judge and to open the Show. Dom also spoke at Wingham Beef Week, attended the RAS Presidents Luncheon, and represented AgShows in an educational talk to over 350 students.

There has been lots of activity across the state since Sydney Royal, with Runner Up Paris Capell attending the Bathurst, Orange, Wellington, and Dubbo Shows, and relaunching the Behind the Sash podcast with previous state finalist Sammy Cormie-Smith. Young Women were also represented at the Young Farmers Business Program Conference last week, with Paris, Emily Barton and Jill Burgess attended with Kane Gerrets from RAS.

Zone 1 finalist Simone Ducker persevered through wet conditions to deliver a very successful show at Wauchope. Stephanie Hennings from Zone 2 ran the London Marathon last month, becoming the youngest Australian ever to earn a Six Star Medal. Jill Burgess has been highly commended for delivering excellent youth programs for Hawkesbury Show while beginning to publish papers from her PhD. Sophie Heffernan from Zone 3 won the Maiden A at Candelo Campdraft last month, and Emily Rowson has been settling back into the school term in Cooma continuing her path to educate the rising equestrians of the future.

Zone 4 finalist Emily Barton has been taking up opportunities with her Show Announcers Scholarship, traveling the 6 hours to attend Bathurst Royal under the guidance of Sammie Cormie-Smith to learn the ropes of showing announcing. Katie Williams also from zone for has ventured far and wide seeing her attend Rocky Beef and MC the NSW Farmers 'Women in Business' event with great success.

Zone 5 representative Alana Wade has been seen taking out champion ribbons at every show she has attended, as well as showcasing herself as a rising cattle judge. Elinor Bowman, also from Zone 5, has been continuing to fundraise for the CWA while making it to many shows across the state and continuing her pro bono work. Zone 6 representatives Eliza Whitely and Charlotte McGory have also been busy attending local shows, and Eliza was also back in the spotlight Lyndsey Douglas on Beef TV at Beef Week. With the Bourke show soon on the horizon, Charlotte has been busy preparing her Physie team for their debut performance at the show while also getting around to as many shows as possible.

Zone 7 representatives have been hard at work down south with Olivia Hodgkin smashing out her veterinary exams whilst campaigning and being a voice for vet students to receive well deserved payment for their placement work. Since the Sydney Royal, Emma Johnston has been nominated for the Transgrid 2024 Indigenous Achievement Award showcasing her dedication and passion for the Hay community.

Thank you to all the Show Societies who have hosted and supported us and the AgShows NSW executive. We look forward to continuing to reach as many shows as we can across the year.



2024 State Young Judges Results

Beef Parader Competition

Champion Miley O'Brien Group 10



Beef Young Judges Competition

1st Mitchell Taylor Group 3
 2nd Paige Hatton Group 12
 3rd Abigail Van Eyk Group 13



Meat Breeds Sheep Young Judges Competition

1st Christine Sutton Group 5
 2nd Miranda McGufficke Group 6
 3rd Lily Moore Group 12



Merino Sheep Young Judges Competition

1st Bateson Pittman SMBA Dubbo
 2nd Amelia Brown SMBA Dubbo
 3rd Oliver Cameron SMBA Hay



Merino Fleece Young Judges Competition

1st Zara Kesby Group 14
 2nd Charlotte Pateman Group 6
 3rd Georgia Briggs Group 10



Fruit & Vegetable Young Judges Competition

1st Heather Walker Group 10
 2nd Emily Taylor Group 14
 3rd Georgia Thompson Group 7



Grain Young Judges Competition

1st Emily Taylor Group 14
 2nd Oscar Feuerherdt Group 8
 3rd Heather Walker Group 11



Dairy Paraders Competition

Champion Alexis Allen
 Reserve Champion Mitchell Atkins



Dairy Young Judges Competition

1st Macs Rubain Group 5
 2nd Olivia Lambkin Group 3
 3rd Iszi Crawford Group 5



Rich Fruit Cake Competition

1st Jo-Anne Wright Group 3
 2nd Barbara Goldman Group 4
 3rd Evol Llyod -Jones Group 8



Wool & Article Garment Competition

1st Illabo Group 8
 2nd Grafton Group 1
 3rd Berry Group 5



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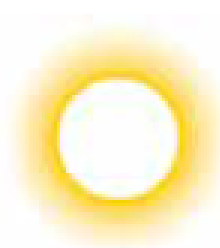
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