

2.6 QCAS Next Generation Sub Committee By-Law

2.6.1 Mission Statement

The Mission Statement for the QCAS Next Generation (QCAS NG) is:

"To engage, connect and amplify the voices of young people in the Queensland Show Movement to ensure its long-term sustainability and prosperity"

Who are we " *We are the Queensland Ag Shows youth steering committee. We aim to advocate for and encourage young people within the Show Movement to celebrate the legacy and protect the vibrant future of local ag shows"*

2.6.2 Purpose

The Purpose of the Queensland Shows NG within the Queensland Shows Organisation is to;

- (a) Provide assistance to Local Shows, Sub-Chambers & Queensland Shows Organisation; Inclusive of assistance with State and National Final Competitions where practical.
- (b) Improving and developing communication between youth and committees at all levels.
- (c) Provide awareness of both the Next Generation and Queensland Agricultural Show Movement.
- (d) Identify mentoring opportunities at local and state level; and
- (e) Contribute towards the NG Mission Statement.

2.6.3 QCAS NG Management Committee

The QCAS NG consists of twelve (12) members forming a management committee composed of the following office bearers:

- (a) President,
- (b) Vice President,
- (c) Treasurer, and
- (d) Secretary.

In addition to the office bearers noted above the following members also form part of the QCAS NG Management Committee:

- (e) Seven (7) Management Committee Members;
- (f) QCAS Youth Liaison Officer to be the 12th member (refer to section 2.5).

2.6.4 NG Membership.

QCAS NG Members:

- (a) Are 15 to 35 years of age;
- (b) Be a financial member of an Affiliated Local Show.

2.6.5 Eligibility for QCAS NG Management Committee

- (a) To be eligible for nomination to QCAS NG Management Committee a nominee must be a financial member of a local Affiliated Agricultural Show.
- (b) To be eligible for nomination to the QCAS NG Management Committee a nominee must be a minimum of 18 years of age.

2.6.6 QCAS NG Office Bearers

QCAS NG Officer Bearers as noted in by-law 2.6.3 must have a current affiliated agricultural show membership and have a minimum of 12 months as a QCAS NG Management member.

2.6.7 Election and Terms of the QCAS NG Management Committee

Nominations for the QCAS NG Management Committee will be called upon annually, depending on the presence of a vacant position(s).

Nominations will be accepted in written form only. All eligible nominees will be interviewed, with the successful applicants to be endorsed at a Queensland Shows Board meeting.

The NG Management Committee is not required to fill all vacant positions on the committee – running at maximum capacity - regardless of surplus applications being received.

All NG committee members are limited to serving no more than seven (7) total years on the committee, after which time they must step down.

Committee positions will also be vacated if the member becomes ineligible, for example they pass the age requirements.

Committee positions may also be vacated if a member is found not to be fulfilling position requirements, as determined by the Executive Committee.

Positions may otherwise become vacant when Committee members voluntarily step down.

2.6.8 Terms of Election

- (a) Office Bearers are elected for a one year term.
- (b) Office bearers cannot exceed a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms in the same position. After which they are eligible to move into another Office Bearing Position or Management role. A person may return to a previously held Office Bearing position, however must have served a minimum of one term in any other role.
- (c) The outgoing President holds the role of Past President for a period of one (1) term to offer assistance to the incoming President. This position is a mentoring position and does not hold a position on the management committee and does not have a voting right within the committee.
- (d) Other Management Committee members are elected for a one (1) year term of which they can either serve no more than a total of seven years.

2.6.9 Role of a QCAS NG Member

The role of a QCAS NG member is broad and essentially based on the requirements of the Shows within each Sub-Chamber.

Delegates should:

- (a) represent QCAS NG at Annual Shows within the Sub-Chamber (where practical) and provide assistance where necessary;

- (b) provide assistant to Societies with QCAS Competitions;
- (c) represent QCAS NG at events and functions where possible.

2.6.10 Role of QCAS NG Management Committee Members

The role of QCAS NG Management Committee Members is to carry out the roles of a Delegate within the whole of Queensland. Additionally, an Executive member must abide by a code of conduct whilst performing the following roles:

- (a) attend and have input into meetings of the QCAS NG Management Committee as scheduled;
- (b) carry out the duties assigned to them by the President and/or carry out the duties of a Portfolio that is assigned to them;
- (c) answer all email correspondence in a timely manner and within deadlines; failure to do this will result in the management member being deemed inactive;
- (d) present a verbal annual report at the QCAS NG AGM – outlining achievements for their Sub-Chamber;
- (e) represent QCAS NG at Annual Shows within their own and neighbouring Sub-Chambers (where practical) and provide assistance where necessary;
- (f) provide assistance to Societies with QCAS Competitions;
- (g) represent QCAS NG at events and functions where practical;
- (h) Sub-Chamber AGM – request that a Next General Report be presented at each Sub-Chamber they represent outlining achievements and opportunities for members of their Sub-Chamber; a written copy of these reports to be forwarded to the NG Secretary as correspondence;
- (i) provide input into the QCAS NG Bulletin when scheduled; and
- (j) In addition to the above to be deemed an active Management Committee member a Management member must contribute time to at least 50% of initiatives; the initiatives to be set at the beginning of that member's term.

2.6.11 QCAS NG Code of Conduct

As a Sub Committee of the Chamber, QCAS NG shall follow the Chamber's code of conduct.

2.6.12 NG Meeting Schedule

The Management Committee are to conduct a minimum of six (6) minuted meetings each year to conduct relevant business to achieve the above stated roles and responsibilities.

Should a Management member miss three (3) or more meetings without an Apology supplied then this member will be asked to stand down for the remainder of their term. This member will be able to reapply for a position on the committee at future elections.

An access request must be made in writing, addressed to:
 The Secretary
 Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies
 PO Box 240
 ROCKLEA QLD 4106

