



Next Generation

Queensland Ag Shows Next Generation

Our Mission

To engage, connect and amplify the voices of young people in the Queensland show movement to ensure its long-term sustainability and prosperity.

What is Next Generation?

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. Next Generation helps its members and affiliated Queensland Agricultural Shows either directly through contact with members at initiatives (as outlined below) and also indirectly from the flow on effects of providing assistance to the Queensland Agricultural Shows Board.

Next Generation is a rapidly growing organisation which is structured with:

- 11 Management Committee including:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer

Expectations of a Next Generation Management Committee Member:

Whilst Queensland Ag Shows Next Generation is a volunteer organisation there are a number of expectations of members to enable Next Generation to continue to develop.

Please understand it is a requirement that the below expectations can be fulfilled by all management members.

Communication:

Regular communication is essential for committee members to achieve the objectives and initiatives of the committee. Communication is through four main channels; Committee Portal, Teams Meetings, phone calls and email.

- **Office 365 Teams** is an online teleconference program which is simple to use. This is the primary communication program to conduct monthly and other meetings. This program is accessed through either computer or telephone. Meeting details including pin code access are provided via email before the meeting.
- **Next Gen Committee Portal** is a document cloud sharing program. It is here that Next Generation store essential documents. This program is downloaded from the web and committee members are sent invitational links to access documents.
- **Emails** are regularly sent and at times will require an immediate response. It is important that you have email readily available to you.

The most important aspect of communication is that it is regular and consistent; these programs have been selected as they are easy to use. However, don't feel intimidated if you have not previously been involved with these, we are more than happy to train you in the different programs.



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Involvement, Initiatives and Roles of being a Next Generation Management Committee Member:

The Next Generation Committee requires regular involvement. As a management member, it is important that you are on the lookout for new initiatives or issues where Next Generation may be able to assist.

Next Generation's major event is the biennial **Ag Shows Conference**; with the Agricultural Shows of Australia Conference to be held in January 2020, join the Next Gen team as we begin planning for the next event in 2022. Executive involvement in this event is essential. You will need to be able to assist with conference planning, organisation and preparation in addition to attending the conference.

The **Brisbane Ekka** is also an important and busy time for Next Generation. During the Ekka, Next Generation assists the Queensland Agricultural Shows Board to run various State Final Competitions as well as the Queensland Agricultural Shows stand. If you are unable to attend Ekka then the opportunity to be involved is available through the prior planning of scheduled events, communication, social media and gathering volunteers to fill any volunteer vacancies.

As a self-funded committee, **Fundraising** remains an important aspect; involvement from all management members is compulsory in fundraising initiatives. In past years there has been an annual raffle, co-hosted ball and calendar production as fundraising initiatives, these fundraising initiatives will be under review and may potentially be updated. There is no expectation upon management members to travel to non-compulsory events (as this is largely self-funded) however it is an expectation that you still be involved through the planning, marketing and or other aspects of these events so that all members share the work load to financially sustain our committee.

Queensland Shows Awards; The Queensland Shows Awards are an initiative of the Next Generation Committee. These awards are run, funded, publicised and co-ordinated by the Queensland Shows Next Generation Committee. It is an expectation that Next Generation Committee Members support these awards by submitting at least one nomination.

Queensland Ag Shows Gala Dinner; A new initiative of Next Gen. It is hoped that this event will be progressively hosted across the state in different Sub Chambers in conjunction with the announcement of the QSAs, with the 2020 Gala Dinner to be held in Rockhampton on 14 March 2020.

Involvement with your sub chamber – How as a management member should you support your local sub chamber? Attend your local sub chamber meetings and present a Next Generation report outlining the opportunities for youth in your sub chamber. If you are absent from a sub chamber meeting a written report is required to be sent to the sub chamber secretary as written correspondence. A copy of the report should also be forwarded to the Next Generation Secretary for recording purposes. Where there are multiple management members in the same sub chamber one collaborative report should be submitted.

Involvement with local shows within your sub chamber – As a management member there is no requirement to attend and volunteer at local shows. It is however a requirement at the beginning of a term that a communique be sent to all your local shows advising them of your position on the Next Generation Committee and that you will be the



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representing Next Generation in your area. Should you as an individual have specific skills you would like to volunteer to shows this is where you are able to offer your time and skills. If there is more than one Next Generation representative in your sub chamber a collaborative approach is required.

Next Generation understand that we are all volunteers, limiting initiatives and requiring all management members to be actively involved will ensure that a productive and enjoyable time is had. If you have any questions regarding anything mentioned in the above, please speak to one of our existing executive. We would love to hear from you!