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Newsletter

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Queensland Ag Show Office Update

We hope that everyone has had a lovely Christmas and were able to take the time for some rest and relaxation before the new Show year.

Please share this newsletter with your committee and anyone else you think may be interested. Copies of older newsletters are available on our website on the Resource page and Facebook.

- ❖ Shows will receive an invoice for Affiliation Fees by the end of January. The affiliation fees each Show pays is calculated at the current rate of \$55 per \$1000 of the 2023 reported gate take. This is the 4th year of this rate as the current Affiliation fee rate has been on hold for the previous 3 years due to COVID. The Board decided to hold the rate to support Shows.
- ❖ In October all Shows were emailed a Show Survey. This survey will provide more information on our Queensland Shows and allow Qld Ag Shows to build a stronger network and provide information relevant to our Shows. If you have not already returned your survey, please do so as soon as possible.
- ❖ Qld Ag Show Awards are closing 31st January. Nominate that great innovation you had at your show or an outstanding individual. See information in this newsletter on how to nominate.
- ❖ A reminder that Show Societies and Sub Chambers need to update all new contact details with Qld Ag Shows. All changes must be on "Change of Details – Show Societies" (or Sub Chambers) form which can be found in the Resource section of our website. Please note that changes cannot be accepted unless they are provided by an authorised representative on the approved form.
- ❖ Remember, if you require information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office. We are here to support our Shows. Our office email address is admin@qldagshows.com.au. Our phone number is 07 3277 7747.
- ❖ Qld Ag Shows website - You will also find useful information and forms which might be handy in the future. Some of these include Fact Sheets, Insurance information, various forms and declarations, and other useful links. It is well worth the look. <https://qldagshows.com.au/resources/> Our website is www.qldagshows.com.au

Don't forget to follow the Qld Ag Shows Facebook Page. It is great to see lots of Shows uploading their Show Flyers and other information and it is always great to see Show Photos and news.

Secretaries and Committee Members are invited to join our Secretaries of Qld Ag Shows Facebook page. This is a forum for you to ask questions and share your knowledge and resources amongst other Show Executive around Qld.



Instagram

We also have our new Instragram page.

Follow us @QueenslandAgShows to stay connected, inspired, and up to date with all the Ag Shows across the Sunshine State.



Annual General Meeting and Gala Dinner

The 2024 Annual General Meeting will be held at The View Hotel, Kingsford Smith Drive, Hamilton Saturday 16th March. Please RSVP to admin@qldagshows.com.au by 4th March if you are attending. More details to come.



The Qld Ag Shows Awards Gala Dinner will be held on Saturday 16th March also at The View Hotel. Please see Awards information in this newsletter.

If you are making accommodation bookings at The View please mention you are attending as part of a Show Society.

Toll free 1800 206 020 Email: brisbane@viewhotels.com.au
Cnr Kingsford Smith Drive & Hunt Street Hamilton QLD 4007



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Changes to Queensland Societies reporting requirements - ATO

Not-for-profits (NFPs), including sporting clubs, societies, and associations, with an active Australian Business Number (ABN) need to lodge an annual *NFP self-review return* to continue accessing income tax exemption.

The *NFP self-review return* will guide you to consider your sporting organisation's purpose and activities against the requirements of an Eligible income tax exempt entity.

You need to lodge your first *NFP self-review return* for the 2023–24 income year, between 1 July and 31 October 2024. If your organisation has its own ABN, you'll need to complete your own *NFP self-review return* even if it's affiliated with a broader sporting group.

To prepare your society or association for lodgement, the person responsible for the organisation will need to:

- check your organisation has an active ABN.
- Notify the ATO if the organisation's address and responsible persons' details need to be updated. This will ensure they have access to the account, receive important tax information and can lodge the NFP self-review return.
- Identify your organization's main purpose and its governing documents.
- Complete an early self-review to check your organisation is eligible to be income tax exempt.
- Set up myGovID and Relationship Authorisation Manager (RAM) so you can complete your NFP self-review return in *Online services for business*.

If your organisation doesn't lodge the return, they may become ineligible for an income tax exemption and penalties may apply.

Who does not need to report –

A government entity or a charity registered with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission* (ACNC) are not required to lodge an *NFP self-review return*. Charities already lodge an annual information statement to the ACNC each year.

Similarly taxable not-for-profits are not required to lodge, as they already lodge an income tax return or notify us of a return not necessary each year.

Annual reporting is central to providing the community an assurance that only eligible not-for-profits access an income tax exemption.

This information has been sourced from the ATO and it is recommended that Shows seek more information.

<https://www.ato.gov.au/newsrooms/not-for-profit-newsroom/changes-in-reporting-requirements-for-sporting-clubs>



Rural Ambassador Awards

2024 will be the 21st Anniversary of the Rural Ambassador Awards in Queensland.

Hosted by Queensland Ag Shows since 2003, the Rural Ambassador Awards highlight and celebrate young leaders aged between 20 to 30 years in promoting rural communities and industries across Queensland, particularly the importance of agriculture.

We are looking for past Rural Ambassadors State Finalists - were you involved, do you know someone who was? Show Societies & Sub Chambers – do you have any records? If so, we would love to hear from you particularly if you have contact details of previous participants. Any photos you may have will be very well received.

We will also be seeking sponsorship for our Rural Ambassador Awards. If you would like to become a sponsor please contact us and we can have a chat.

Any information can be sent to admin@qldagshows.com.au



Next Generation

Queensland Ag Shows Next Generation was established in 2008 and is the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies youth steering committee.

Comprising up to 11 members, the committee aims to strengthen the Queensland Shows movement by increasing youth participation within local show societies, creating stronger, sustainable events.

Any member of a local Queensland Show between 18 and 35-years-old is automatically a Next Generation member.

Committee members attend their local shows, sub-chamber finals and support the Queensland Ag Shows Board by attending general meetings and assisting with state finals at the Ekka. Expressions of interest are being sought for committee members. Sub Chambers can nominate a young person to represent their Sub Chamber. Nominations must be in by 31st January. If you are interested please contact your Sub Chamber to discuss.

Nominees must be able to attend the Next Gen committee meeting, AGM, and Gala Dinner 16th March. Accommodation will be arranged, and transport costs will be provided.



Next Generation

We are not a team because we work together.
We are a team because we respect, trust and care for each other.

The Blue Ribbon Cookbook - expression of interest

Liz Harfull is an Australian author who compiles cookbooks and is about to start a new book which is the third in a series of Blue Ribbon cookbooks celebrating country shows and show cooking.



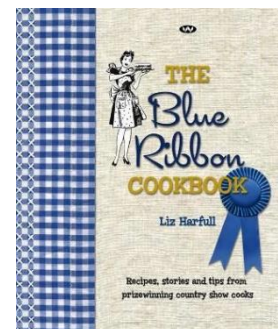
As with the previous two books, the new *Blue Ribbon* will not just be about the recipes. It will bring together the personal stories of passionate home cooks and capture the spirit of the shows they love. Once again, a special feature will be tips from show judges to encourage would-be competitors, and valuable hints from the cooks, providing another layer of knowledge to the limited methods usually provided in traditional recipes.

The book will be published by Australia's leading independent publisher, Allen & Unwin. It is currently scheduled for release in early 2026 and will be available through all good bookshops. However, show societies will also be able to acquire copies at wholesale prices to on-sell them as a fundraiser, use as prizes or to promote their shows.

Liz is now seeking nominations for cooks to be included in the new book - deadline **29 February 2024**. Show societies may nominate more than one cook. No more than 70 people will be selected. Liz will choose a shortlist from the nominations received and contact the cooks for further information.

If you would like more information, please contact our office for a fact sheet and nomination form.

For more information on Liz Harfull you can go to her website <http://www.lizharfull.com/>



Waiver Forms and Incident Reports

Waiver Forms are written agreements that say the sponsor of an activity will not be liable for harm suffered by participants. Although waivers are primarily legal tools, they also serve an educational purpose by making people think about the potential risks of an activity.

However, waiver forms may be useful for other activities within our show day programs. Do you have a pavilion which has entries which may be of high monetary value which may have the potential, unfortunately, of getting dirty or damaged. Is it worth considering the competitor filling out a waiver form?

Show Society's may have their own Report Forms; however, Qld Ag Shows have a **General Insurance All in one Waiver 2023** template which can be used. You will find this in the Resource section of Qld AG Shows Website or just follow this link.

[file:///C:/Users/QldAgShowsAdmin/Downloads/Insurance-General-All-in-One-Waiver-2023%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/QldAgShowsAdmin/Downloads/Insurance-General-All-in-One-Waiver-2023%20(1).pdf)



An **Incident Report Form** is a report or record that documents an injury or accident, near miss of an accident, or damage to property. An incident form should be filled out no matter how minor the injury or damage is.

Incident Report Forms must be kept on record for a minimum of 5 years. **A copy must be sent to the Qld Ag Shows office and your insurance company/broker.**

Shows in the group insurance scheme need to send these forms to Bron Henty-Smith at Gallaghers. A blank form should be in your first aid kit and would be

worth having in your competitions box at each event on show day.

All members must be aware to notify their Show Office immediately if an incident occurs which has resulted in injury, illness or death to people or animals or damage or destruction of property at your event and that a report has been completed.



Queensland Ag Shows

The Queensland Ag Shows Awards (Awards) serve to recognise excellence in the agricultural show movement.

The Awards serve to acknowledge the contributions of not just the Show Societies and events hosted by them, but the people whose tireless efforts embody what the agricultural show movement is all about.

Categories available are:

- *Best Innovation in a Local Event*
- *Outstanding Individual Contribution*
- *Emerging Leader*

The Awards encourage teams and individuals to innovate and maintain their commitment to achieving excellence.

The Awards are announced during the Queensland Ag Shows Gala Dinner held in conjunction with the Queensland Ag Shows Annual General Meeting on the **Saturday 16th March 2024**. Tickets will go on sale soon. The Awards are a superb opportunity for the industry to come together and celebrate with our peers. Nominations are now open and entry forms are available from the Queensland Ag Shows website at

[4.4.2.2-Queensland-Ag-Shows-Awards-Criteria.pdf \(qldagshows.com.au\)](#)

Nominations close 31st January 2024



Gallagher

Queensland Ag Shows is proud to announce that Sandstream Etching & Architectural Glass & AJ Gallagher Insurance Brokers are again sponsoring these awards in 2024.

We would like to thank them for their continued generosity.

Other Awards

The Friendship & Fellowship Award is for individuals or organisations not directly connected to the Queensland Show Movement who have contributed to the long-term success of Queensland Shows.

Meritorious Award A nominee must be a financial or honorary member of a Show Society who has made a significant voluntary contribution to benefit an affiliated Show Society.

Nomination forms and criteria are available from Qld Ag Shows or in the Resource Section of our website.

State Meat Sheep Competition

Nominations for the 2024 State Finals of Meat Sheep close on Wednesday 28th February.



For Shows who have held competitions since 1st March 2023 please ensure you have sent your nominations to the Qld Ag Show office by this date. If nomination forms are not received your competitor will not be invited to attend the State Finals.

The State Finals of the State Meat Sheep Competition will be held at the Toowoomba Show on Friday 19th April.

All competitors will receive an invitation to attend from the Qld Ag Show office.

Competitions

Competitions Entry Forms: Individual entry forms are now available on the Queensland Ag Shows website.

<https://qldagshows.com.au/state-competitions/>

Correct entry forms are required to be used and submitted for each competition.

Entry forms available are -

- Stud Beef Young Paraders
- Stud Beef Young Judges
- Prime Beef Young Judges
- Meat Sheep Young Judges
- Dairy Young Judges
- Dairy Young Paraders
- Poultry Young Judges
- Merino Sheep Young Judges
- Merino Fleece Young Judges
- Dark Rich Fruit Cake
- Rural Ambassador
- Showgirl



Please ensure you are using the correct entry forms which can be downloaded from our website and that they are filled in correctly and legible.

Entries on old forms will not be accepted.

Stud Beef Young Judges and Paraders, Prime Beef Young Judges and Merino Sheep Young Judges and Paraders, Dark Rich Fruit Cake - Please ensure that entry forms are sent to your Sub Chamber for processing for Sub Chamber finals.

Showgirl and Rural Ambassador entry forms are also sent to your Sub Chamber.

Dairy Young Judges and Paraders, Poultry Young Judges and Meat Sheep Young Judges are sent to the Qld Ag Shows Office admin@qldsagshows.com.au

Entry forms must be sent immediately following the Show competition.