



# Queensland Ag Shows

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## Newsletter

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### Annual General Meeting & Gala Dinner - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March

**The Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Shows Inc (Qld Ag Shows) Annual General Meeting** will be held at The View Hotel, Kingsford Smith Drive, Hamilton, Brisbane on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 3pm. A General Meeting will follow. Afternoon tea will be served from 2pm

Please RSVP to [admin@qldagshows.com.au](mailto:admin@qldagshows.com.au) by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March if you are attending. Your Show Society would already have been sent a "Notice of Meeting". Please contact the office if you have any questions.

**The 2024 Queensland Ag Shows Awards Dinner** will be at the View Hotel on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm following the AGM. Tickets are \$85.00 and includes a 2 Course Meal & Presentation. Tickets are now on sale through this link:

<https://tickets.brisbanetickets.com.au/outlet/event/8165c7c9-0c87-4667-828a-135cb96b41ab>

Tickets close and are non-refundable as of Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

Dress code is Coat & Tie After Five Wear.

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

The View Hotel – Kingsford Smith Drive & Hunt Street, Hamilton.

Phone 1800 206 020

Email [Brisbane@viewhotels.com.au](mailto:Brisbane@viewhotels.com.au)

*Winners will be announced for  
the Best Innovation in a Local Event.  
Outstanding Individual Contribution  
and  
Emerging Leader*



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.





## Insurance matters

**Question:** Is a volunteer covered if they are driving, or as a passenger in a car of a committee member, and also if they are working offsite on behalf of the Show?

**Answer:** Volunteers are covered if working offsite and generally the vehicle registration would cover injuries that are caused during a motor vehicle accident.

### Jumping Castles

If you engage an external service provider at your show who provides a Jumping Castle or similar, PLEASE CHECK THE FINE PRINT ON THEIR INSURANCE POLICY YOU RECEIVE FROM THEM. Many jumping castles cannot be insured. The jumping castle may come under another name on the policy however if it looks like a jumping castle, it probably is a jumping castle and may not be insured.

## Showgirl News

We now have a **Showgirl Competition Coordinator** Facebook page for your Showgirl Coordinator to be able to interact with other Showgirl coordinators and committee members. This is a closed page and only for your Showgirl Coordinator. Application must be made to join, and the office will check applicants and either accept or decline. Can Shows please send details of your Showgirl Coordinator (if you have not already done so) so we can identify and accept them when they apply.



The word "Miss" was dropped from the Awards with rule changes in March 2020. The Awards are now known as the Queensland Country Life Showgirl Awards and they are either a Showgirl or a Junior Showgirl, there is no Senior. The Queensland Country Life Showgirl Awards have a long and proud 41-year history and they are a flagship event on the annual Queensland Ag Shows calendar.

A rich part of that history is the integrity of the Showgirl name that has always been an integral part of the Awards and has evolved with the development of the program to allow all women from 18 -28 years to participate.

In order to preserve the tradition and integrity of the Showgirl name, Shows need to ensure that their competitions link directly to the Showgirl Awards through the branding that they use to promote their competitions.

This consistency of naming will not only assist Shows in promoting their competition but also the young women that the Showgirl Awards seek to develop. Shows should use the Showgirl Awards branding with pride as we do.

Any queries in relation to the branding or name of the awards should be directed to the Queensland Showgirl Awards Committee who are more than willing to assist Shows with their enquiries.

The Committee can be contacted at [qldshowgirl@gmail.com](mailto:qldshowgirl@gmail.com)

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." – Andrew Carne



## 2022-25 Show Societies Grants Program

### *A message from Scott & Jade at the Local Government Division*

#### **Re: 2022-25 Show Societies Grants Program (SSGP)**

Last year saw all show societies executing a new funding agreement with the State. This agreement provides a Project Funding Schedule (pages 28-31) which includes information on grant payment dates, bank account details and acknowledgement requirements.

A finalised copy of this agreement was sent to your nominated show contact provided in the funding agreement. If you require a copy or wish to make a change to the information provided (i.e. contact, GST status or bank details) please email us at [LGDgrants@dssdilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:LGDgrants@dssdilgp.qld.gov.au) and we will be happy to assist.

The payment for the 2024-25 SSGP allocation will be made to your nominated bank account as soon as practicable after 1 July this year.

Wishing you all the very best for your 2024 shows!



**Scott Hayden**

Project Officer

**Grant Management and Commissions**

Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works

## Out and about with Qld Ag Shows

With the Show season just commencing Trevor Beckingham (General Manager) and the Executive of the Qld Ag Shows have been out and about. Our aim is to get to as many Shows and Stakeholder meetings as possible. Stakeholder meetings include bio-security and Member for Warrego – Anne Lahey as well as collaborating with the RNA Ekka about State Finals.

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> February  | Stanthorpe Show – Executive and staff member, Tomas                                    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> February  | South-West Qld Sub Chamber Meeting - Trevor and Monica Skerman (Junior Vice President) |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> February  | Meeting with Anne Lahey about Ag Show issues.  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> February  | South Burnett Sub Chamber Meeting - Trevor   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> February | Allora Show - Trevor   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> February | Clifton Show – Trevor and Tomas  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> February | Near North Coast Sub Chamber Meeting - Trevor  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> February | Cooyar Show – Trevor   |



If you have an event you would like a representative to attend, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

If you would like us to promote your Show or Show event such as your Show Ball, please let us know and we will post on or Facebook pages for you.



Allora Show



South Burnett Sub Chamber



South West Sub Chamber



## Secretaries of Qld Ag Shows Facebook Update

You may be noticed that the Secretaries of Queensland Ag Shows Facebook page has had a name change.

It has been renamed **Show Committee Members of QLD Ag Shows** Facebook page.

The change has come because it is not just for Secretaries but is available for all committee members to use as a networking tool with other shows.

This is a closed Facebook page. Application must be made to join, and the office will check applicants and either accept or decline. There are a few easy questions to answer to determine your committee members eligibility. If these are not fully answered the application may be declined.

Please encourage your committee members to join.

## Queensland Ag Show Office Update

- ❖ Shows will have received an invoice for Affiliation Fees. The affiliation fees each Show pays is calculated at the current rate of \$55 per \$1000 of the gate take. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of this rate as the current Affiliation fee rate has been on hold for the previous 3 years due to COVID. Payment is due on 29<sup>th</sup> February.
- ❖ A reminder that Show Societies and Sub Chambers need to update all new contact details with Qld Ag Shows.
- ❖ The Annual Return will now be sent to your Show the week after your Show. This will need to be returned within 1 month. There will no longer be an Annual Return sent towards the end of the year. Please ensure that all information is accurate, not an estimate. You would have all information and figures on hand as you would usually have your report done after the Show. By doing this, we are able to gauge how shows are going, attendance figures, and any problems shows may be experiencing in real time.
- ❖ We have developed a "Secretaries Handbook". This is designed to help all committee members with information required to run their society. It will be available on our website or by contacting our office. This handbook will be updated periodically, and we welcome any suggestions from Shows for additions or corrections to the handbook.
- ❖ Share this newsletter with your Show Society members. It is for everyone, not just the Secretary.



*Congratulations to Adele Saville.*

Adele has been the Secretary of the Clifton show Society for an amazing 40 years.

Pictured with Adele is Clifton President Hadyn O'Leary and Vice President Bruce Hamilton at the Clifton Show.



## Thoroughbred Breeders Australia Fast Track Program

Thoroughbred Breeders Australia (TBA) is the national peak body for the thoroughbred breeding community and this week our applications for the Fast Track 2024 program are opening.

Fast Track is a 12-month program which provides an accelerated introduction and learning experience that will help Fast Track graduates progress quickly in careers in the breeding industry.

*Applications for the Thoroughbred Breeders Australia Fast Track program are now open.*

*Enjoy 12 months full-time paid employment on a stud farm while studying for a Certificate III in Horse Breeding – a nationally recognised qualification.*

*Open to anyone with a passion for horses regardless of experience.*

*Find out more: <https://www.tbaus.com/fast-track-program/about-the-fast-track-program/>*



## Varroa Mite – prevent the spread of varroa mite in Queensland

This will be of interest to shows that hold bee product competitions.

**Varroa Mite is one of the most serious pests of honey bees worldwide.**

In June 2022, varroa mite (varroa destructor) was detected in NSW. Qld remains free of Varroa Mite.

### **From states where varroa mite has been found**

You must hold a [biosecurity instrument permit](#) issued by the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to move bees, beehives, used beekeeping equipment or bee products (including unprocessed honey) into Queensland from states or territories where varroa mite has been found.

### **Processed honey and processed beeswax.**

You do not need a permit to move processed honey and processed beeswax into Queensland if:

- honey has been extracted, filtered, strained, or settled to remove wax cappings and dead bees.
- beeswax has undergone melting, filtering (to remove bees, brood, and debris) and a rendering treatment before being packed.
- it has been packed in a facility without bees.
- the outside of the container, and any frames, pallets and packaging are free from honey or beeswax.
- it is a quarantine-secured diagnostic honey sample for testing at a recognised diagnostic facility.

Australian native bees are not included in the restrictions.

For more information, please follow this link to the Qld State Government Website

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/animal/industries/bees/move>

Queensland is a varroa mite [biosecurity zone](#).



## Fire Ants



NATIONAL  
**Fire Ant Eradication**  
PROGRAM

Fire Ants continues to be a major problem for South-East Qld and the Lockyer Valley areas. Fire ants are one of the world's most invasive pests.

Fire ants can restrict everyday activities such as sporting activities and outdoor play. Fire ants are very aggressive when their nests are disturbed. Stings can cause painful, burning, itching sensations lasting up to 1 hour. In severe cases stings can lead to anaphylaxis. Animals including the family pet and livestock can also be affected.

### What does a fire ant look like?

- Copper brown in colour with a darker abdomen
- Quite small at 2-6 mm
- Found in a variety of sizes with the one nest.
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### How are they spread?

Fire ants are small and highly adaptive and can survive in a range of climates and conditions.

They can

- Travel over and underground.
- Fly up to 5 km.
- Raft on waterways after floods or wet weather events
- Materials such as soil, hay, mulch, manure, quarry products, turf, and potted plants
- Containers that have been used with organic materials, such as potted plants.
- Dirty machinery that has been used to move restricted material.

### What does a Fire Ant nest look like?

- Can appear as a dome-shaped mound or be flat and look like a small patch of disturbed soil.
- Are often found in open areas such as lawns and pastures and along roadsides and unused cropland. They can also be found next to or under other objects on the ground, such as timber, logs, rocks, pavers, or bricks.

Report them within 24 hours of sighting by calling 13 25 23 or you can complete the online form at [www.fireants.org.au](http://www.fireants.org.au)  
The faster you report, the less chance there is of fire ants becoming a problem and spreading.

### Fire Ants and our Shows

The movement of soil, hay, potted plants, and vehicles all play a part in the movement of fire ants and Shows need to be very aware of the dangers and processes and protocols which need to be put in place.

Qld Ag shows are currently meeting with the Department to discuss ways of dealing with the fire ant invasion and will work with them to document procedures and information for Shows. Any information we receive will be passed to Shows.

In the meantime, visit <https://www.fireants.org.au/> for up-to-date information

1. Overview of materials that can carry fire ants:  
<https://www.fireants.org.au/training-and-tools/factsheets>
2. Fire ant material movement tool:  
<https://www.fireants.org.au/stop-the-spread/movement-advice-tool>
3. Managing baled materials, managing soil, managing processed material:  
<https://www.fireants.org.au/training-and-tools>
4. Managing potted plants  
<https://www.fireants.org.au/training-and-tools/factsheets/building-and-development/managing-potted-plants>