



Queensland Ag Shows

Annual Report 2023



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Mission, Vision & Strategy

Our Mission:

To sustain the future of Queensland agricultural shows through support, resources , and advocacy

Our Vision:

Queensland Ag Shows is the representative body for 129 agricultural shows across Queensland that:

Strives to maximize value for the its members;

Supports its members by creating connections, sharing best practices, and providing resources;
and,

Strengthens individual shows through advocacy, partnerships, and governance

Our Strategy:

Queensland Ag Shows will achieve 80% of its strategic initiatives within the strategic plan period, through its focus on delivering against member needs and supporting agricultural shows within Queensland.

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MESSAGE FROM

David Wilson

President

I am honoured to present the annual President's report of the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc. for the year 2023. As we reflect on the past year's achievements and challenges, I extend my gratitude to all those who have contributed to our success.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to both Kerri Robertson and Peter Curtis for their dedication and leadership in steering Queensland Ag Shows towards excellence during their tenure.

I extend a special thank you to our esteemed Board members for their invaluable guidance and unwavering commitment to advancing the mission of Queensland Ag Shows. Their selfless service and tireless efforts have been the driving force behind the organisation's success. Despite busy schedules and personal obligations, they consistently prioritise the advancement of the Queensland Ag Shows mission, dedicating countless hours to strategic planning, decision-making, and ensuring the effective governance of the Chamber. Their passion for promoting agricultural shows throughout Queensland and supporting communities shines through in every initiative they undertake. We are immensely grateful for their steadfast leadership and unwavering commitment to the betterment of the organisation and the show movement as a whole.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to our amazing office staff, Trevor Beckingham OAM FCPA, Carol Cahill and Tomas Silkman who have put in so much hard work and dedication in driving our initiatives forward over the past year. In 2023, we were thrilled to welcome Carol and Tomas to the team, and let me tell you, they've fit right in like they have been here forever! Their passion for the show movement shines through in everything they do.

A big thank you goes out to the hardworking Executive team, Rowan O'Hara, Monica Skerman and John Brent OAM. Their dedication and tireless efforts have been invaluable in steering Queensland Ag Shows forward. Together, we have built a strong and cohesive team, united in our shared passion for the show movement. Thank you for your outstanding leadership and commitment to our mission.

Navigating the roles of President and Chair presents its challenges, yet it's been a journey made smoother by the collective strength of the Board, office staff and Executive team. Together, we have established a close-knit team driven by a common goal. My heartfelt thanks extend to each and every member for their unwavering support over the past 12 months.

As we reflect on the past calendar year, it's evident that the highlight for many of us is always the Ekka. This iconic event not only celebrates Queensland's rich agricultural heritage but also serves as a focal point for our community. We extend our thanks to the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA) for their unwavering collaborative efforts and continued partnership.

The Ekka holds a special place in our hearts as it serves as the venue for many of our State competition finals each year. We are truly fortunate to have such a strong and enduring partnership with the RNA. Their commitment to promoting the show movement aligns seamlessly with our mission at Queensland Ag Shows. Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones and made lasting contributions to our show community. As we look ahead to the future, we remain grateful for the RNA's continued support and look forward to further collaboration and shared successes in the years to come.

For many of our show patrons, young and old, a visit to the sideshow is an essential part of the show experience. The lights, sounds, and the towering rides serve as a vibrant reminder of the excitement of the show. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Showmen's Guild, who have been supporting and partnering with shows for over 100 years. Their dedication to providing entertainment, rides and creating unforgettable experiences for show attendees is truly commendable. We are truly fortunate to have such strong and enduring partnerships with the Showmen's Guild. As we look ahead to the future, we remain grateful for the Showmen's Guild's continued support.

We have commenced a number of projects in 2023 to bring further value and benefits to our members:

We are currently in the concluding phase of the Rain Protection Scheme review. Recognising its significance as a valuable benefit for our members and with nearly 90 years of history, Queensland Ag Shows is dedicated to ensuring the thorough and appropriate review and management of the RPS.

Campaigning for efficiency and clarity, Queensland Ag Shows has launched a project to streamline and simplify the process of Shows and Sub-Chambers with their constitutions. The ultimate goal is to collaborate with the State government to create a standardised set of rules tailored specifically for Shows in Queensland.

Next Gen is integral to Queensland Ag Shows, representing not only a vital aspect of our organisation but also a cornerstone of the broader Show movement. Following a comprehensive review, each Sub-Chamber has appointed a Next Gen delegate. With a modernised Charter, the establishment of a new committee, and a wealth of innovative ideas, we eagerly anticipate Next Gen's pursuit of ambitious projects and the establishment of new partnerships in 2024.

Have you noticed a change in our social media lately? We've revamped our communications strategy and we're excited to share some fun and fresh content with you, including regular updates on the travels of our General Manager, Trevor Beckingham. We hope you enjoy the amusing snapshots and entertaining show stories, along with learning more about what happens behind the scenes.

In 2023, the Board discussed sponsorship and looking into new opportunities for revenue. The Executive have been working on a draft scoping paper in order to have a value proposition document created. Creating a value proposition document for Queensland Ag Shows will be instrumental in highlighting the organisation's distinctive value and its positive influence on communities, shows, agriculture, and local economies. This strategic tool aims to attract partnerships, funding, and sponsorships by highlighting the significant economic contributions of the 129 shows across Queensland.

I had the privilege of being one of the representatives from Queensland to attend the Nationals for Young Judges and Paraders at the 150th Royal Launceston Show in Tasmania. It was an excellent opportunity to show our support to our state competitors, lend a hand at the event, and connect with other state bodies. What struck me the most was the incredible dedication demonstrated by our state's competitors. Their hard work and commitment were on full display, making us all proud. It's a testament to the discipline, presentation skills, and critical thinking abilities that are nurtured through participating in these competitions.

The show competitions, Sub Chamber finals and the State Finals held within Queensland highlighted the outstanding contributions of the commitment to promoting excellence in all our competitions across Queensland. Our Showgirl and Rural Ambassador program continues to empower and celebrate the achievements of young leaders in Queensland, fostering a culture of excellence and community engagement.

We sincerely appreciate the ongoing support from the State Government and the Show Scheme, which supports all shows across the state. Our gratitude extends to the shows, dedicated volunteers, supportive communities whose contributions have been instrumental in the success of the 2023 show season. We are especially thankful to the many generous sponsors for their invaluable support. As we look ahead, let us remain dedicated in our commitment to championing the interests of Queensland's show movement.

We extend our gratitude to the numerous shows, dedicated volunteers, supportive communities, and generous sponsors who have contributed to the success of the events and shows throughout the year. As we look towards the future, let us remain dedicated in our commitment to championing the interests of Queensland's show movement. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc.

Sincerely,

David Wilson

MESSAGE FROM

Trevor Beckingham

General Manager

As you read through many of the other reports, you'll discover what an exciting year it has been. I would like to focus more on the benefits and opportunities that 2023 created:

"...My philosophy has still not changed, Shows are of the Community, by the Community for the Community and our role is to promote, represent and support all 129 of our Member Shows so that they are able to achieve this purpose. I believe this year has provided us with the opportunity to not only reconnect with our Show community but the greater show going community as well..."

These are the words that I put in the last three years' reports, and they are as true this year as they were on every occasion that I have used them. It is from this point that we diverge from previous reports. The "Big Wet" of 2022 did indeed make the 2023 Show Season a bumper year for most of our Shows, with most reporting significant increases on previous entries and attendances. The big issues for our Shows in 2023 were insurance, volunteers and changes in committees and these are set to be with us for the long haul. However, we continue to see the Show family supporting each other as we get everything working again. I would personally like to express my thanks and gratitude to the entire "family" for stepping up when it really counted, as we've proved to the world that we continue to really care about our community (s).

Communication is a key pillar of our Strategic Plan, and we continue to engage and support our Show community by providing them with as much up to date information as we could through various channels, resources and lobbying on their behalf. Our Members have responded indicating through the Strategic Review process, that this was one of their top priorities. For them understanding the issues and challenges they face and to provide the support that they need is a top priority. We saw many long-time committee members step down from their roles, but this provided the opportunity for others to step up and look to try something new and leave their mark. It may not have always been without growing pains, but we have tried to provide support to these newest members of the "family" so that they are able to take on the challenges of their new role. To this end we reworked and relaunched the Secretaries Handbook to provide a valuable go to resource. This is a living document, and we would encourage and solicit your feedback on how we can expand and develop this resource.

Similarly, we saw a changing of the guard on the Queensland Ag Shows Board with the departure of members Peter Curtis (Central Queensland), Ingrid Miller (Central & North-West), Kerri Robertson (Darling Downs) and Brianna Hockey (Burnett). We thank them all for their contribution and service to Queensland Ag Shows as Board Members.

The Board continued to meet throughout the year with three face-to-face meetings, using Zoom to continue the work of the Board between these, and we will continue to supplement our face-to-face meetings with this into the future as it has proved to be very effective for the Board. It provides us with the opportunity to keep the Board more up to date with developments in a timelier manner.

During the year I was once again able to visit many parts of Queensland and I was able to visit several Shows and Sub-Chambers. To all the Shows and Sub-Chambers that welcomed me throughout the year, I sincerely thank you for allowing me the insight into your community and welcoming me into your event.

The year saw the arrival of Carol Cahill as Administration Officer, and in July we were joined by Thomas Silkman as Administration Assistant with responsibility for Social Media and IT. We welcome their contribution and we have already felt the benefit of their contributions. Without the support that this pair provide in the office, we would not be able to provide the necessary support to Shows, and I thank them for their diligence, commitment, and dedication to their roles. Thank you, you allow me to better focus on my role.

The National Competition Finals were held in conjunction with the Royal Launceston Show, Tasmania in October. We were again well represented. A full list of the Queensland Representatives is available in this Annual Report. We are very proud of the efforts and results of "Team Queensland" in Launceston.

At an ASA (Ag Shows Australia) level we participated in and had representation on the Emerging Leaders Forum, the National Rural Ambassador Committee, the National Competitions Working Group, and the State Affiliates Working Group. As well we were represented at the IAFE State and Provincial Associations Meetings and Agriculture Committee. I attended the IAFE Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah and along with David Wilson, we attended the ASA National Conference in Adelaide in August.

As you will see from other reports, we have a range of new initiatives that we will continue to grow in the coming year(s). These include:

- Re-establishment of the Next Gen Committee,
- Supporting the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries on a range of projects and committees such as Biosecurity, Fire Ants, Animal Welfare
- Equestrian Queensland and the partnership that we have with them
- Full External Review of the Rain Protection Scheme
- Growing and enhancing all our electronic platforms
- Consolidating our Governance platform including reviewing and strengthening our Governance documents and procedures
- Value Proposition including an updated Social and Economic Impact Study
- State Competitions we continue to consolidate and provide support to ensure they are relevant and prepare our competitors for the next level.

In my task I have been ably supported and I acknowledge the support and guidance of the Executive and Queensland Ag Shows Board and thank them for continuing to give me the opportunity to serve Queensland Ag Shows and be a part of the bright future of the Show Movement in Queensland.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to take a moment to glance in the rear-view mirror, just briefly before we focus on the year ahead. The year was not without its challenges on a range of fronts but despite these trials and tribulations we are still here. If anything, our resolve has been stiffened and the path made clear that needed to be followed. They have provided valuable lessons that have been incorporated into what we do on a daily basis to ensure that our service to members is paramount. We stand united to service our communities and support our Shows to deliver the annual Show. I think that is something to be very proud of. Well done and **THANK YOU!**

Sincerely,

Trevor Beckingham OAM FCPA

QLD Ag Shows Board



David Wilson

President

South East Queensland



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Senior Vice-President

Near North Coast



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Near North Coast



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Queensland*

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Darling Downs



Laura Maeyke
Burnett

QLD Ag Shows Staff

*Committed to providing the very best service
to our members*



Trevor Beckingham OAM FCPA

General Manager

The operations team leader, Trevor supports the Shows by attending as many as possible across the state in order to ensure they have the full support they require.



Carol Cahill

Administration Officer

Carol takes care of most general administration, including the monthly Newsletter, Rain Protection Scheme Offers and competitions while providing support to Show Societies and Board Members.



Tomas Silkman

Administration Support Officer

Tomas' roles include providing administration support to Show Societies and Board Members, managing digital assets such as the QLD Ag Shows website and social media pages, as well as graphic design of various materials



**Queensland
Government**

We would like to thank the Department of Local Government, Racing, and Multicultural Affairs for their ongoing support to the Queensland Agricultural Shows with their annual Queensland Show Grant

Next Generation Committee

Engaging, connecting, and amplifying the voices of young people in the Queensland Ag Show movement

The year 2023 has been remarkable for our community, characterised by significant milestones, collective growth, and impactful experiences. The achievements of our members, coupled with their resilience and collaborative spirit, have rendered this year pivotal in the ongoing narrative of our shared journey. Some key achievements from our 2022/23 committee members have included: speaking at the Showmen's Guild Think Tank on the importance of Showgirl & Rural Ambassador competitions; judging Sub-Chamber Finals; and attending the Sydney Royal Easter Show

In the initial months of 2023, a contingent of our members actively participated by becoming integral members of the 2023 Queensland Ag Shows Working Group. Embracing this collaborative opportunity, they dedicated their time and expertise to contribute valuably towards the planning and execution of the Queensland Ag Shows Awards. The Awards saw a record number of nominations, with 36 Innovative Events, Emerging Leaders, and Outstanding Individuals recognized.

In October, we were fortunate to engage in a face-to-face discussion with the Queensland Ag Shows Executive and select Board Members, proving to be an invaluable opportunity to strategise and lay the groundwork for the future initiatives of the Next Generation Committee. One particular exciting project on our agenda involves the recognition of Showgirl, RA, and Young Judges & Paraders entrants at both local and Sub-Chamber levels. We are enthusiastic about implementing this initiative as part of our commitment to fostering and acknowledging talent within the agricultural show movement. During this meeting, a decision was reached to align the structure of the Next Gen Committee closely with that of the Queensland Ag Shows board, entailing each Sub-Chamber having one representative, aiming to promote parity and inclusivity within Next Gen. We look forward to welcoming the new committee at a face-to-face meeting held in conjunction with the 2024 QLD Ag Shows AGM in March.

We express our gratitude to Paige Caldwell, Lawrence Sehmish-Lahey, Clinton Forden, Anna Ferguson, and Breanna Head, who have worked alongside us as 2022/23 QLD Ag Shows Committee members, for their unwavering commitment and dedication to the committee throughout the past two years. As we bid farewell to our outgoing 2022/23 committee members, we welcome the prospect of new beginnings, and fresh endeavors.

Our sincere gratitude extends to the QLD Ag Shows Board Members for their steadfast support and contributions over the past year. We appreciate their guidance, and look forward to future collaborations and successes. Finally, we extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who played a role in making 2023 remarkable for the Next Gen Working Group. The collective achievements, collaborative efforts, and shared commitment to the growth of our community have undoubtedly set the stage for an exciting future. The journey ahead promises continued innovation, inclusivity, and celebration of talent within the agricultural show movement. Thank you for being an integral part of our collective success, and we look forward to the continued collaboration and achievements that lie ahead.

Catherine English & Marricka Clancy – QLD Ag Shows Next Gen Working Group



Queensland Ag Shows offers nominations for the following Awards year-round:

- Meritorious Award
- Friendship & Fellowship Award

Queensland Shows Awards also holds incorporating awards for:

- Outstanding Contribution,
- Emerging Leader
- Best Innovation in a Local Event

Queensland Shows Awards Report:

In the initial months of 2023, select individuals from the Queensland Ag Shows Board and the Next Generation Working Group united forces to form the 2023 Queensland Ag Shows Awards Working Group. Through their dedication and expertise, they made invaluable contributions to orchestrating and executing the Queensland Ag Shows Awards. This collective effort resulted in a remarkable surge of nominations, culminating in the recognition of 36 outstanding achievements across Innovative Events, Emerging Leaders, and Outstanding Individuals.

We extend our thanks to Kerri Robertson, Viv White, David Wilson, Paige Caldwell, Lawrence Sehmish-Lahey, and others who have collaborated with us as Committee Members for the 2023 Queensland Ag Shows Awards. Their steadfast commitment and dedication to the committee has been invaluable.

The panel of judges presiding over the 2023 Queensland Ag Shows Awards comprised of Bronia Henty-Smith from Gallagher Insurance, Dione Howard, 2022 ASA National Rural Ambassador, and Jessica Kerr, a founding member of the Queensland Ag Shows Next Generation Committee. This diverse and accomplished group of professionals brought a wealth of expertise and firsthand experience to the judging process, ensuring a comprehensive and insightful evaluation of the participants across various categories.

The Queensland Ag Shows Awards Ceremony brought together a vibrant community of 85 attendees, united in their enthusiasm to honour and applaud the remarkable achievements in Queensland Ag Shows. From recognising innovative events that push the boundaries of tradition to acknowledging emerging leaders poised to shape the future of agriculture, and celebrating the outstanding contributions of individuals who embody excellence, the evening was a testament to the resilience and ingenuity of Queensland's agricultural show movement. A special note of gratitude is extended to Francis Greene for her providing her services as MC for the evening.

As we reflect on the achievements of 2023, we are filled with a sense of pride and accomplishment. We urge everyone to continue supporting the Queensland Ag Shows Awards for many years to come. Your ongoing support is crucial in ensuring the longevity and growth of this esteemed event. Together, let us continue to celebrate and honour the remarkable individuals and events that contribute to the vibrancy and vitality of Queensland's agricultural community. Thank you for being champions of the Queensland Ag Shows Awards, and here's to many more years of success

2023 BEST INNOVATION IN A LOCAL EVENT NOMINEES:

- Inclusion - Atherton Show
- Showcasing Boonah - Boonah Show
- Ticket Sales - Brookfield Show
- Taste Paradise Farm - Cairns Show
- Show Ball - Esk Show
- Next Gen - Fraser Coast Show
- Poultry Learning Day - Gatton Show
- Sunset at the Show - Gin Gin Show
- Cattle Handling & Judging School - Malanda Show
- Backyard Poultry Pet Competition - Mundubbera Show
- Scarecrow Competition - Quilpie Show
- Soiree at the Show - RASQ Toowoomba Show
- Meat & Dairy Goat Show - Springsure Show
- TRELLO - Sunshine Coast Show
- VIP Experience - Warwick Show & Rodeo

2023 Runner Up: *TRELLO - Sunshine Coast Show*

2023 Winner: *Soiree at the Show - RASQ Toowoomba Show*

2023 EMERGING LEADER NOMINEES:

- Anthony Neibling – Boonah Show Society
- Hannah Currie – Charleville Show Society
- Amanda Finlay – Gin Gin Show Society
- Toby & Cassie Worely – Monto Show Society
- Justin Rosenberg – Mt. Gravatt Show Society
- Danielle Stevenson – Quilpie Show Society
- Denise Ryan – Warwick Show Society
- Shelley Doyle – Warwick Show Society

2023 Runner Up - *Shelley Doyle (Warwick Show Society)*

2023 Winner - *Amanda Finlay (Gin Gin Show Society)*

2023 OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION NOMINEES:

- Alan Dowling – Atherton Show Society
- Elva West – Beaudesert Show Society
- Maree See – Bundaberg Show Society
- Joanne Salmont – Clermont Show Society
- Jess Crawford – Emerald Show Society
- Hayley Dwyer – Gin Gin Show Society
- Kevin Busch – Gin Gin Show Society
- Greg English – Malanda Show Society
- Greg Hunter – Nanango Show Society
- Lesley Schloss – Nanango Show Society
- Jim Moran – Cairns Show Society
- Julie Walz – Mudgeeraba Show Society
- John Maher – Malanda Show Society

2023 Runner Up - *Julie Walz (Wandoan Show Society)*

2023 Winner - *Jess Crawford (Emerald Show Society)*



Treasurer's Report 2023

REPORT FOR 2023

I am pleased to present to Members my report on the financial activities of the Chamber for 2023.

This year has seen us report a \$4,201.98 operational profit. This is due to a number of factors, including continuing to closely monitor our expenditures and identifying savings where we could. We will continue to scrutinise our activities and ensure that we operate in the most economical and cost effective means possible.

We have continued to develop a more appropriate budgeting process, extending it to all facets of our operation, including sub-committees, to meet the operational needs and focus on our core business of delivering services to our Members. By having a clearly defined budget, it has enabled us to operate within our means, ensuring that thought goes into what we can realistically deliver. As with any operating entity there are swings and roundabouts, and being able to take advantage of opportunities that present themselves assists with deliverables. We continue to monitor and refine our processes as an ongoing development.

Following the Rain Protection Scheme having significant claims against it in the 2022 year, with the rain events that occurred throughout the 2022 Show Season, it was pleasing that there were no claims in 2023. As a result, the Rain Protection Scheme did stabilise during the 2023 year, but the Board has commissioned a full independent review of the scheme to determine a way forward. This review is ongoing at the time of this report. Activities of the Rain Protection Scheme are reported separate to our operational activities. The challenging investment market has and will continue to impact returns on our investments.

Staffing issues resolved themselves during the year and now only initial processing of accounts is carried out in the office, with the external bookkeeper attending to account reconciliations and compliance issues of the organisation.

Thank you to the Board and all our members for having trust in me over the last 12 months as Treasurer.

John Brent OAM

Honorary Treasurer

Burnett

2023 marked a return to a full roster of shows throughout the Burnett with ten successful events held throughout the region from April to June.

As noted by our Sub-Chamber President, while we are moving on, from our dealings with QLD Health, Shows continue to face significant challenges. Insurance costs continue to rise, some members are facing major issues around the tenure of our grounds, and questions are being asked of us around our show holidays.

Despite the challenges, Burnett Show Societies continue to provide for their communities thanks to the commitment and efforts of the people who drive these associations.

It is pleasing to see the commitment of some members recognised through various awards. In January's Australia Day Awards, Chloe Johnson of Childers Show Society was awarded Young Citizen of the Year for the Bundaberg Region, similarly Toby and Cassie Worley were awarded Young Citizens of the Year for the North Burnett Region. A stalwart woodchop competitor at the Burnett Shows, Jake Dingle was also recognised as Sportsman of the Year for the North Burnett.

The Gin Gin Show Society hosted the Sub-Chamber finals across two weekends, with the beef cattle events on the Sunday of their Show and the Rural Ambassador, Showgirl, and Dark Rich Fruitcake final culminating with a celebration dinner, which was a delightful celebration of our region's representatives.

The Burnett Sub-Chamber would like to congratulate and thank its' 2023 state representatives:

Showgirl: *Showgirls' Choice* - Casey Cleary (Mt. Perry Show Society)

Rural Ambassador: Tylen Wallace (Bundaberg Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Judge: *Runner-Up* - Dallas Mollenhagen (Mt. Perry Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Parader: *Winner* - Dallas Mollenhagen (Monto Show Society)

Prime Cattle Young Judge: Kiralee Streeter (Monto Show Society)

Poultry Young Judge: *Winner* - Anna Bunyan (Isis & District (Childers) Show Society)

Dark Rich Fruit Cake: Peter Lloyd-Jones (Gayndah Show Society)



Thank you to Bendigo Bank Munduberra for its continued support of the Sub-Chamber Finals through its Community Grant Program. These funds go directly to the Burnett Beef Cattle Winners to support their State Final and industry endeavours.

A special thank you to the past President, Maree See, who stepped down in November 2022 after four years as Sub-Chamber President. Maree's impact and positive legacy will be enjoyed by the Burnett Sub Chamber for many years to come.

Thanks must also go to Paul Francis, Amanda Finlay, Grace Campbell, and Laura Maeyke for fulfilling their Sub-Chamber positions in addition to their local show roles.

Thank you to the Burnett Shows for your dedication to our region, I look forward to a strong 2024 Show Season.

Delegate: Brianna Hockey



Central Highlands

2023 saw the Central Highlands Shows achieve great things by overcoming the challenges that were faced and working together to make our Shows as successful and vibrant as we can. President Brant Bettridge reported that the efforts from our volunteers, however few, is unwavering and their commitment to promoting and celebrating the rich agricultural and community heritage of our Central Highlands region is impressive.

Thinking of new and different ideas to keep the patrons coming through the door is a challenge, especially for our small shows and keeping up with everything that is happening or needs to happen to run a show i.e., compliance to QCAS, Council, health and safety etc., is a large job that our volunteers are doing to the very best of their ability with the time and support that they have.

Having enough volunteers to assist with set up and during the show along with stewards fully committing to their position along with the time contributed by the volunteers and getting a committee together in a small community can be tough and leaves the Show community with volunteer fatigue.

Yearly fluctuating gate numbers make it hard to predict the economic cost to each Show. As well as the fluctuation in gate numbers, the cost of equipment and entertainment in some cases is making it harder to balance the budget. The price of insurance (which in some cases has been able to be improved with the help of Gallagher Insurance) has had an impact on the budget also.

However, despite all of these challenges, every show continues to change its program to attract more exhibitors and patrons to their respective shows and this year seemed all shows were well supported. Attendances were up and the weather was good all making for successful events in our local community calendars.

It was fantastic to see Clermont back on the run again after not having a full show last year. Special events such as the Mower Races in Comet, Stockman's Challenge in Alpha, Monster Trucks in Clermont, Brumby Challenge in Springsure, Cotton Picker Pull in Emerald to name a few, continue to draw a large crowd each year. We continue to have great committees who are not afraid of hard work and all work well together and enjoy their time doing so. Moving meetings to an online format so that distance is not an issue has really brought our Central Highlands Sub Chamber together to work on shared goals to keep our show community strong.

The Central Highlands Sub-Chamber would like to congratulate and thank its' 2023 representatives:

Showgirl: Lillian Lawrence (Clermont Show Society)

Rural Ambassador: Winner – Harrison Lehman (Alpha Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Judge: Erin Dean (Clermont Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Parader: Cody Killalea (Emerald Show Society)

Prime Cattle Young Judge: Ceelena Lawrence (Alpha Show Society)

Dark Rich Fruit Cake: Jonathon Grierson (Emerald Show Society)

We are grateful to them all for representing the Central Highlands Sub Chamber, their show and themselves with professionalism and dedication. Their efforts contribute to the success of our Show community and we look forward to the 2024 Central Highlands Show Circuit.

Delegate: Kylee Matthews



Central Queensland

This year, all our shows in Central Queensland were able to be held, with most recording a good number of attendees, even with some shows struggling to find volunteers. Cattle entries for most shows were good, though some shows recorded less horse competitors than usual, with either an increase or decrease of competitors with pavilion entries. Entries for Poultry and Bird sections were also mixed, with most shows showing a decrease in the number of competitors.

This year, Rockhampton Show celebrated their 150 years anniversary, a major milestone, displaying memorabilia from previous years.

Most shows have had difficulty in recruiting and/or finding volunteers for roles in leading up to their show, as well as finding enough volunteers to assist on the day.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our AGM, which was to be held on the 4th of November, as we could not manage to get enough shows to attend. We believe the droughts and bush fires at the time were a big reason for this.

The Central Queensland Sub-Chamber would like to congratulate and thank its' 2023 state representatives:

Showgirl: Winner - Isabella Hanson (Theodore Show Society)

Rural Ambassador: Bridie Fenech (Sarina Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Judge: Georgie Spencer (Rockhampton Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Parader: Runner-Up - Tim Connor (Mt. Larcom Show Society)

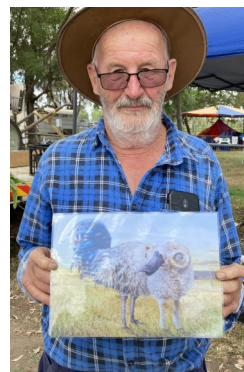
Prime Cattle Young Judge: Alex Olive (Rockhampton Show Society)

Dark Rich Fruit Cake: Brett Cagney (Mt. Larcom Show Society)



We would also like to congratulate Aaron Franks from the Mt. Larcom Show Society on representing Queensland in the National ASA Poultry Young Judges Competition, held at the Royal Launceston Show this year.

Delegates: Ken Landsberg & Vere Wyper



Central & North-West

This Sub-Chamber had a challenging year for a range of reasons and was significantly impacted with the departure of their Delegate, the Queensland Ag Shows Board assisted in obtaining a replacement as a temporary measure until a suitable replacement can be identified. We thank Ingrid Miller for her contribution and wish her every success in her future endeavours. We also thank Darren Zanow for stepping into the breach to assist with addressing the challenges the Sub-Chamber has.

Despite these challenges Shows in the Sub-Chamber continued to celebrate a good Show Season in 2023 with an improvement in the weather that assisted the Shows both with competition entries and attendance with many reporting significant increases in both.

Of significant note is that Barcoo Pastoral Show Society (Blackall) celebrated 150 years. This significant milestone was celebrated by 3 other Shows in Queensland in 2023. Peter Curtis, the current Queensland Ag Shows President at the time, and General Manager Trevor Beckingham joined the celebrations in Blackall in May.



Hughenden Show also hosted Trevor Beckingham at their Show in June. This Show was delivered by a new committee and has now consolidated their position in the Queensland Shows calendar.

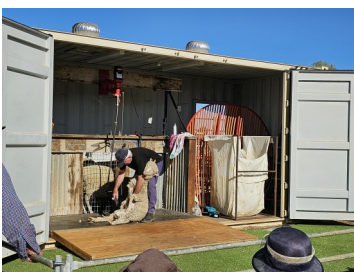
Support of the Shows in the Sub-Chamber by the Showmen's Guild is one of the major issues facing the Shows and is currently an issue that is being worked through to ensure that these Shows are serviced into the future.

The Central & North-West Sub-Chamber would like to congratulate and thank its' 2023 state representatives:

Showgirl: Elizabeth Neal (Longreach Show Society)

Rural Ambassador: Will Ringrose (Longreach Show Society)

Unfortunately, these were the only representatives from the Sub-Chamber in any of the State Finals and it is hoped that representation will be rebuilt in future years.



Darling Downs

2023 has marked a positive and successful year for the Darling Downs Sub-Chamber Members. Stanthorpe commenced the Show Season with resounding gate numbers and entertainment. Members following filled the weekends with similar reports and although Tara and Pittsworth were challenged with a downpour, gates were considerably healthy. While small regional shows are scantily supported by the Showmen's Guild, our Members continue to be innovative and proactive in providing varied entertainment but we would like to see a greater interest in the sideshow arena.



Competitions, long-standing and new, are encouraged and while many ideas have come forward, it is heartening to witness the growth of some competitions and the inclusion of new ones. Congratulations to Crows Nest Show for holding the first soil competition in Queensland. While it was conducted on a smaller scale than the State/National guidelines, the exercise certainly created interest and opportunity to those participating.

A very successful day was held at Warwick Showgrounds on Saturday 26th May where we conducted the Sub-Chamber finals of the Dark Rich Fruit Cake and the Young Judges and Paraders. As in the past an open day was also held for Young Judges & Paraders in the Under 15 years and also the 15 – under 25 years age groups. Exceptionally pleasing to be a part of this day where our young finalists and enthusiasts have the opportunity to engage in a day of presenting, public speaking and learning. Our extraordinary volunteers ensure the day runs smoothly creating a memorable day for our future young judges.

The Darling Downs Sub-Chamber would like to congratulate and thank its' 2023 state representatives:

Showgirl: Elly Close (Crows Nest Show Society)

Rural Ambassador: *Runner-Up* – Brianna Hurley (Cooyar Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Judge: Georgia Graham (Jandowae Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Parader: Drew Weller (Allora Show Society)

Prime Cattle Young Judge: Georgia Malcahy (Goondiwindi Show Society)

Dairy Cattle Young Judge: Sophie Wilson (Toowoomba Show Society)

Dairy Cattle Young Parader: Lucy Stace (Toowoomba Show Society)

Meat Sheep Young Judges: *Runner-Up* - Tara Bruce (Allora Show Society), Grace Bell (Clifton Show Society), & Jenna Brits (Toowoomba Royal Show Society)

Dark Rich Fruit Cake: *Winner* - Loretta Voll (Goombungee-Haden Show Society)

The Queensland Ag Shows Awards have rewarded our Darling Downs in Shelley Doyle – Emerging Leader *Runner-Up*, and Toowoomba Royal Show – Soiree – Best Innovation in a Local Event *Winner*. Congratulations to our very worthy recipients, and we wholeheartedly support and encourage participation across the categories.

Thank you to all our Members for their commitment to the Show Movement and in supporting the Sub-Chamber to successfully grow in a collective manner. Focus remains in working together to better service our Members through communication, commitment and care. Wishing all a 2024 year of innovative and productive outcomes.

Our best wishes to all Members across Queensland for our Shows in 2023 and thank you to the Darling Downs Sub-Chamber and Members for entrusting us with the Delegates Role.

Delegates: Lyndell Neal & Brett Boatfield



Near North Coast

This year saw the sunshine brightly on all our shows which resulted in great gates numbers, entries in all our competitions and exhibitors.

We would like to thank Woodford Show for holding our Sub-Chambers' finals for Stud Beef Young Judges and Paraders. This year saw a change in our Sub Chamber as we didn't hold our AGM until November and our Showgirl, Rural Ambassador, Junior Show Ambassador and Dark Rich Fruit Cake Sub Chamber finals were not held until the day of the AGM.

We also held a workshop on that day for Governance and Effectiveness for Not-For-Profit Sector Boards and Management Committees. We would like to thank Sunshine Coast Show for hosting this day.

The management committee for our Sub-Chamber consists of:

President: Rowan O'Hara - Sunshine Coast Show

Snr Vice President: Craig Marshall - Pine River Show

Jnr Vice President: Adam Tokely – Dayboro Show

Secretary: Debra Brown – Gympie Show

Treasurer: Monica Skerman – Maleny

We would like to thank Alison Taylor – Dayboro Show for all the work she did over the years as Secretary for the Sub-Chamber, and George Thompson – Dayboro Show for all he did as Junior Vice-President.



The Near North Coast Sub-Chamber would also like to congratulate and thank its' 2023 state representatives:

Rural Ambassador: Mikaela Sima (Gympie Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Judge: Alicia Ferriday (Nambour Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Parader: Kynan Petroff (Redcliffe Show Society)

Dairy Cattle Young Judge: Ryan Phillips (Maleny Show Society) & Britney Holt (Gympie Show Society)

Dairy Cattle Young Paraders: Britney Holt (Maleny Show Society) & Ryan Phillips (Gympie Show Society)

Meat Sheep Young Judges: Kasey Knight (Pine Rivers Show Society)

Wishing you all the best for your 2024 Show Season.

Delegates: Rowan O'Hara & Monica Skerman



North Queensland

Firstly, congratulations to all the volunteers who have contributed to the success of all shows within the North Queensland Sub Chamber.

In 2023 the Northern run was back to its traditional lineup, with wet shows gracing our region. Despite the rain before and during shows, all our Shows went ahead. A majority, if not all, of the Shows within the Sub-Chamber saw increased gate numbers.

Throughout 2023, we were fortunate to have been visited by Trevor Beckingham & Peter Curtis (previous QAS Board Member). We also welcomed Bronia Henty-Smith from Gallagher Insurance to our general meeting in May. Bronia delivered the presentation, which was presented at the Queensland Ag Shows AGM, which was positively received by our members, who were unable to make it to the AGM.

In 2023, we saw 5 nominees represented at the Queensland Ag Shows Awards held in Brisbane. The competition was tough, and although no winners reigned from North Queensland, we are immensely proud of the individuals and Show Societies on being nominated for such prestigious awards.

The North Queensland Sub-Chamber would also like to congratulate and thank its' 2023 state representatives:

Showgirl: Jessie Gofton (Herbert River (Ingham) Show Society)

Rural Ambassador: Rikki Payne (Malanda Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Judge: Maeve Lowe (Tully Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Parader: Maya Threlfall (Tully Show Society)

Prime Beef Young Judge: Kira Micola (Cairns Show Society)

Dairy Cattle Young Judge: *Winner* - Patrick English (Malanda Show Society)

Dairy Cattle Young Parader: *Winner* - Rachel English (Malanda Show Society)

Poultry Young Judge: Tylah Harris (Atherton Show Society)

Dark Rich Fruit Cake: Peter Axford (Malanda Show Society)



The North Queensland Showgirl and Rural Ambassador Finals were hosted by Tully & District Show Society. It was a wonderful evening, illuminating the wealth of talent within the Next Generation of our Sub-Chamber. We saw our largest group of nominees, with eight nominees between the two competitions. Thank you to Rikki Payne (Rural Ambassador) & Jessie Gofton (Showgirl), who attended most shows within the North Queensland Show circuit, being such great ambassadors for NQ.

For the first time, the State Finals for Dairy Young Judges & Paraders were moved away from the Brisbane EKKA. Malanda Show was fortunate enough to be chosen to be the host show for these finals. Congratulations and well done to Malanda for hosting such an incredible event.

Throughout 2023, it has been incredible to witness the Next Generation of the Agricultural Show Movement make waves. Throughout the Sub-Chamber we had more than 30 Rural Ambassador & Showgirl Entrants, 25 participants attend the Youth Prop Making Workshop (props for Atherton Show), 120 students participate in the Malanda Show Cattle Handling & Judging School, and 40 students attend the All Breeds Dairy Educational Dairy Camp. Many of our shows have also had an increase in youth membership, volunteers and exhibitors. It is safe to say, the North Queensland Sub Chamber has a bright future ahead.

Once again, I would like to thank all our Shows for the support and commitment to running their Shows, and their support to our Sub-Chamber.

Delegate: Leanne Thomas



South Burnett

2023 saw all seven of the South Burnett shows have a great turn out of competitors and guests. Each show had this success by having a good team of people to put it together and the wonderful volunteers who make these show possible. Thank you to everyone who made each show shine.

Murgon Show was the host for the following competitions.: Showgirl, Rural Ambassador, Junior Rural Ambassador, and Dark Rich Fruit Cake. After a great day on the bus touring the area, lunch was at the Phat Wag, where we learnt about the Wagyu journey. The Judging took place at Boonara Homestead, a wonderful place with so much history. Thank you to May Gossow, Damien Tessman and Yvonne Hudson. Your task of judging the young people was a hard challenge but done beautifully. Travelling with everyone on the bus and having lunch together gives contestants time to feel comfortable and more confident when being interviewed. This year we had the junior contestants join us all for the day, seemed to have been a great addition to the enthusiasm of everyone.

This year Blackbutt hosted the cattle competition, thank you to everyone involved. The winners of the cattle section were also invited to the evening function and received a gift in recognition of their efforts. The Australian Hotel put on a great meal and managed to fit 100 of us into their dining room, a little bit of a tight fit, but we have not had so much interest in this competition in recent years and we had thought about 70 -80 people attending. It was great seeing everyone there.

The South Burnett Sub-Chamber would also like to congratulate and thank its' 2023 state representatives:

Showgirl: Emma Franz (Nanango Show Society)

Rural Ambassador: Carly Smith (Nanango Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Judge: Rhianon Braithwaite (Wondai Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Parader: Shay Barron (Kingaroy Show Society)

Prime Beef Young Judge: *Runner-Up* - Indy Eriksen (Kingaroy Show Society)

Dairy Cattle Young Judge: Krystal Wardrop (Kingaroy Show Society) & Isaac Day (Wondai Show Society)

Dairy Cattle Young Paraders: Krystal Wardrop (Kingaroy Show Society) & Caitlyn Magee (Wondai Show Society)

Dark Rich Fruit Cake: Del Blanch (Wondai Show Society)



We are still encouraging young people to get involved at any level within the QLD Ag Show movement. At the October Board Meeting, a decision was made to get each Sub Chamber to put forward a Next Gen Delegate. Thank you to Jasmine Thornes from the Wondai Show for stepping up as our delegate.

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up and helped this year, and may next year be bigger and better.

Delegate: Viv White



South-East Queensland

In 2023, South East Queensland enjoyed favourable weather conditions, setting the stage for the resounding success of our shows. These events brought together a cross-section of the communities within SE Queensland, each showcasing their part of our diverse region. From arts and crafts and education, to the showcase of livestock, horses, and local producers, the shows stood as vibrant reflections of the collective spirit of the people within our local communities.

Show Highlights:

- *Brookfield*: Marking its 112th year, Brookfield Show Society continued its legacy of excellence in 2023.
- *Tamborine Mountain*: Celebrating its 94th year, Tamborine Mountain hosted a well-attended and successful show, capturing the essence of community spirit.
- *Mt Gravatt*: The 107th show at Mt Gravatt not only featured a brilliant representation of sheep, cattle, and horses but also showcased an impressive display of Lego, adding a unique and creative dimension to the event.
- *Gold Coast*: The 116th show on the Gold Coast brought back a well-supported ute muster, demonstrating the community's enthusiasm for diverse and entertaining agricultural events.
- *Rocklea*: With an impressive display of 120 exhibited sheep, Rocklea celebrated its 106th show, showcasing the diversity of agricultural pursuits.
- *Beenleigh*: A phenomenal 144th show marked the enduring legacy of the Beenleigh show, bringing together generations of residents.
- *Canungra*: The 83rd show in Canungra was a wonderful testament to the community's dedication to preserving rural traditions.
- *Beauesert*: hosting their 126th show, Beauesert not only showcased a successful event but also demonstrated their unwavering support for the dairy industry. With a display of 139 dairy cattle, the show underscored the region's commitment to sustaining and promoting the vital dairy sector.
- *Mudgeeraba*: The 93rd show in Mudgeeraba highlighted the community's commitment to celebrating agriculture and rural life.

The South-East Queensland Sub-Chamber would also like to congratulate and thank its' 2023 state representatives:

Showgirl: Bethany McDonald (Mudgeeraba Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Judge: Vienna Lyons (Mudgeeraba Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Parader: Imogen Lange (Mudgeeraba Show Society)

Dairy Cattle Young Parader: Jak Canning (Beauesert Show Society)

Dark Rich Fruit Cake: Runner-Up - Ryan Murphy (Mt. Tamborine Show Society)

Meat Sheep Young Judges: Sarah Kitto (Rocklea Show Society), Chloe Taylor (Mt Gravatt Show Society), Ashlee DeVries (Canungra Show Society), Emma Haupt (Beenleigh Show Society)

We extend our gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the South-East Sub Chamber in 2023. A special thank you to the South-East Sub Chamber committee for their unwavering dedication, tireless work, and continuous support.

Congratulations to all the shows for organising outstanding events in 2023. Your commitment to preserving and promoting agricultural traditions, alongside fostering the arts, education, and local business, enriches our communities and contributes to the vibrant diversity of South East Queensland. We look forward to another year of growth, unity, and success in 2024.

Delegate: David Wilson



South-West Queensland

With all shows reporting successful at the end of 2023, hopefully this is the turn around needed after the last few years and we can keep our Shows growing stronger each year. Distance, as with a lot of other Sub-Chambers, proved a bit of a challenge for some South-West shows getting support from the Showman's Guild.

South West is very proud of Julie Walz (Wandoan) winning Outstanding Contribution at the Queensland Ag Show Awards for 2023. We also had nominations in Emerging leader – Hannah Currie (Charleville) and Dannielle Stevensen (Quilpie) and Innovative Event – Scarecrow Competition (Quilpie). The Sub-Chamber finals of Showgirl, Rural Ambassador and Dark Rich Fruit Cake for 2023 were hosted by the Charleville Show Society in June. The Sub-Chamber finals of Young Judges & Paraders were held in conjunction with the Chinchilla show in May.

The South-West Queensland Sub-Chamber would like to congratulate and thank its' 2023 state representatives:

Showgirl: Rebekah Miller (St. George Show Society)

Rural Ambassador: Lauren Young (Dirranbandi Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Judge: Winner - Daniel Ford (Wandoan Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Parader: Daniel Ford (Wandoan Show Society)

Prime Cattle Young Judge: Daniel Ford (Wandoan Show Society)

Dark Rich Fruit Cake: Nel Blackley (Taroom Show Society)

Our 2024 AGM will be held on the 3rd February in Roma and a general meeting along with competition finals of Showgirl, Rural Ambassador, and Dark Rich Fruit Cake, which will be held in Dirranbandi in June.

Office Bearers elected 2023:

President: Madonna Marris (Charleville)

Secretary/Treasurer: Cheney Vetter (Charleville)

Delegate: Lisa Walsh (Chinchilla)

Alternate Delegate: Ross Stiller (Wandoan)

Young Judges Chair: Daryl Waugh



West Moreton & Brisbane Valley

We all welcomed 2023, where so many of challenges from the past couple of years were able to be put behind us, with our Shows in the Sub Chamber being exciting and well-attended by their communities and by visitors from further afield. All of the volunteers and committees of these Shows should be commended – well done!

Our local Sub-Chamber finals included:

- The Regional Ute Show final – sponsored by Heath 2 the Hills from Esk; and
- The Goetsch and Sons and Riverina Awards – for stud cattle, led steers / heifers, horses, and poultry. These awards encourage competitors to enter many of our shows across the region.

The West Moreton & Brisbane Valley Sub-Chamber would like to congratulate and thank its' 2023 state representatives:

Showgirl: Runner-Up - Olivia Harrison (Toogoolawah Show Society)

Rural Ambassador: Community Spirit Award – Matthew Petty (Marburg Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Judge: Gabriella Stokes (Lowood Show Society)

Beef Cattle Young Parader: Brooke Parlane (Ipswich Show Society)

Prime Cattle Young Judge: Winner - Amber McLucas (Toogoolawah Show Society)

Dairy Cattle Young Judge: Runner-Up - Zoe O'Neill (Gatton Show Society)

Dairy Cattle Young Parader: Zoe O'Neal (Gatton Show Society) & Jackson Garland (Toogoolawah Show Society)

Meat Sheep Young Judges: Winner - Hanna Haupt (Gatton Show Society) & Lilly Tonber (Marburg Show Society)

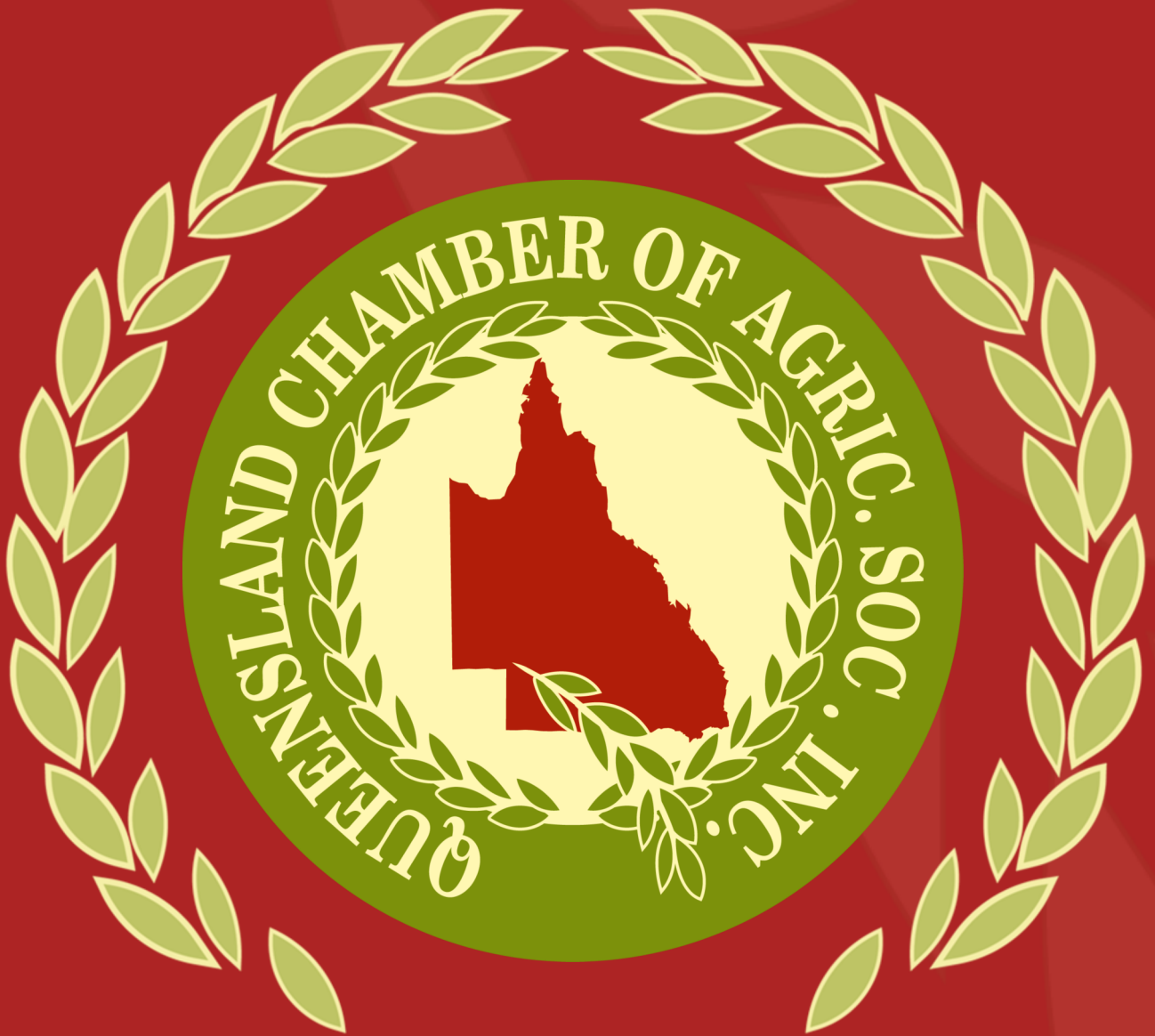
Dark Rich Fruit Cake: Geoff Beattie (Esk Show Society)



Congratulations to all of the entrants in both the state and all Show Society competitions. We would like to commend the Show Societies in the Sub Chamber who hosted the awards. To the local communities of the West Moreton Brisbane Valley region – thank you for your support through membership, sponsorship, volunteering and attending your local Shows – keeping Shows exciting, innovative and growing.

Delegate: John Brent OAM





State Competitions

Meat Sheep Young Judges was held at Toowoomba Royal show, and it is very pleasing to see the quality of entries. To enter this competition you must win at a local show between 1st March to the 28th February. *Winner: Hannah Haupt, with Tara Bruce as Runner-up.*

Dairy Young Judges and Dairy Paraders were held at Malanda Show this year and I would like to thank them for a great showing of cattle at their show. *The Winner of Dairy Young Judges was Patrick English and Runner-Up was Zoe O'Neal. The Dairy Parader Winner was Rachel English and Runner-Up was Charlie Blackmore.* To qualify for this competition, you must win at your local show from 1st July to 30th June and the State finals will be held at a different show every year.

Poultry Young Judges was held at the Ekka and only saw 3 competitors this year. We hope this competition will grow in the future. *The Winner was Anna Bunya and Runner-Up was Shakira Stehbens.* To enter this competition you must win at a local show between the 1st July and the 30th June.

Stud Beef Young Judges, Stud Beef Paraders and Prime Cattle State finals were all held at the Ekka this year. The winner of the Stud Beef Young Judges was Daniel Ford and runner-up was Dallas Mollenhagen. The winner of the Stud Beef Paraders was Olivia Delaforce and the runner-up was Tim Conner. *The Prime Cattle Young Judge saw Amber McLucas as the Winner and Indy Ericksen as Runner-Up*

I would like to thank all Judges and Shows for helping to encourage these competitions. I would also like to thank QLD Ag Shows for their support in holding these competitions to encourage our up and coming generation to connect with Agriculture Show movements. Many thanks to Trevor, Carol, and Tomas for all their help, they are awesome!

Monica Skerman
Young Judges and Paraders Co-Ordinator

State Final Competitions

2023 STATE FINAL COMPETITIONS	PLACING	COMPETITOR	SUB-CHAMBER	SHOW SOCIETY
Showgirl	WINNER	Isabella Hanson	Central QLD	Theodore
	Runner-Up	Olivia Harrison	West Moreton & Brisbane Valley	Toogoolawah
	Showgirls' Choice	Casey Cleary	Burnett	Mt Perry
Rural Ambassador	WINNER	Harrison Lehman	Central Highlands	Alpha
	Runner-Up	Brianna Barron	Darling Downs	Cooyar
	Community Spirit Award	Matthew Petty	West Moreton & Brisbane Valley	Marburg
Beef Cattle Young Judge	WINNER	Daniel Ford	South West QLD	Wandoan
	Runner-Up	Dallas Mollenhagen	Burnett	Monto
Beef Cattle Young Parader	WINNER	Olivia Delaforce	RNA	RNA
	Runner-Up	Tim Conner	Central QLD	Mt Larcom
Dairy Cattle Young Judge	WINNER	Patrick English	N/A	Malanda
	Runner-Up	Zoe O'Neal	N/A	Gatton
Dairy Cattle Young Parader	WINNER	Rachel English	N/A	Malanda
	Runner-Up	Charlie Blackmore	N/A	RNA
Poultry Young Judge	WINNER	Anna Bunyan	N/A	Childers
	Runner-Up	Shikira Stehbens	N/A	RNA
Meat Sheep Young Judge	WINNER	Hannah Haupt	N/A	Gatton
	Runner-Up	Tara Bruce	N/A	Allora
Merino Fleece Young Judge	WINNER	Grace Peskett	N/A	State Sheep Show
	Runner-Up	Noa Prins	N/A	State Sheep Show
Merino Sheep Young Judge	WINNER	Grace Peskett	N/A	State Sheep Show
	Runner-Up	Noa Prins	N/A	State Sheep Show
Prime Cattle Young Judge	WINNER	Amber McLucas	West Moreton & Brisbane Valley	Toogoolawah
	Runner-Up	Indy Ericksen	South Burnett	Kingaroy
Dark Rich Fruit Cake	WINNER	Loretta Voll	Darling Downs	Goombungee-Haden
	Runner-Up	Ryan Murphy	South East QLD	Tamborine Mt

AgForce Merino Sheep **Young Judges & Nutrien** **Wool Young Judges**

AgForce Merino Sheep Young Judges:

Winner: Grace Peskett
Runner Up: Noa Prins
3rd Place: Jackson Wood

Nutrien Wool Merino Fleece Young Judges:

Winner: Grace Peskett
Runner Up: Noa Prins
3rd Place: Jackson Wood

Overjudges: *Merino Sheep* – Stuart Hodgson AWI Australian Wool Innovation Sydney and assisted by Duncan Ferguson Elders. *Merino Fleece* – Bob Tully, Nutrien Wool

Sponsors: *Merino Sheep* – AgForce Sheep & Wool (contact: Michael Allpass AgForce Sheep & Wool Policy Director)

We were delighted that both AgForce Sheep & Wool and Nutrien Wool continue to support and sponsor the Merino Sheep and Merino Fleece Young Judges State competitions. Indeed, fortunate to have representatives attend the State Sheep Show in Charleville and all play an active part in the judging and the presentations. Thank you Michael Allpass (AgForce) and Bob Tully (Nutrien Wool).

The Merino Sheep and Merino Fleece competitions are held only on two levels, State and National. Although local shows are encouraged to conduct young judges competitions, a competitor does not have to have competed locally to be eligible for the State Finals.



The competitions are held in conjunction with the QMSSA State Sheep Show, this year QMSSA donated \$50 to each of the Merino Fleece and the Merino Sheep third place, though they are usually not involved in the Fleece competition. It is important to work closely with the local Show to conduct the State Final utilising their facility and access to fleeces. Charleville Show were indeed extremely accommodating.

The biggest challenge for the committee is not knowing if we are going to attract eligible competitors until the day of judging. The location also is a factor in the number of competitors who will be attending. We do go above and beyond to promote the competitions by contacting all past competitors, forwarding information to Shows within the district and circulating with the stud sheep breeders prior to the day and particularly on arrival in the host town.

We also have access to an incredible calibre of industry leaders to act as overjudges for both competitions. This year was no exception, both Stuart Hodgson and Duncan Ferguson (Merino Sheep) and Bob Tully (Merino Fleece) are experienced with educating youth in the sheep and wool industry and take the time to ensure those who participate gain a wealth of knowledge. Queensland Country Life newspaper also gave excellent coverage to the Young Judges competitions following the event.

A huge thank you to Douglas Crothers for his input into the Young Judges event for his endless running around, sheep handling and sourcing competitors we couldn't do this without his skills! Over the years we have built up a fabulous relationship with those in the Queensland Merino Stud Breeders Sheep Association and they are as appreciative to Queensland Ag Shows as we are to them for embracing the Young Judges!

Finally, all thank you letters have been sent to our valued Sponsors, QMSSA, Overjudges, Hosts and especially the competitors who we hope we have inspired to participate next year in Blackall, where next year's judging will be held.

Lorraine Crothers & Lyndy Neal – Merino Sheep & Fleece Young Judges State Committee

Queensland Country Life

Showgirl Awards

Our 41st State Finals of the Queensland Country Life Showgirl Awards, hosted by Queensland Ag Shows, were conducted in conjunction with the Royal Brisbane Show, the Ekka, from Tuesday, 8th August to Sunday, 13th August.

Our State Final program took us to Government House, Parliament House and to the Ekka. We participated in etiquette lessons with Zariffe Hardy from the Australian School of Etiquette, sessions about being centred for success with Patrice Douglas, agricultural show roundtable workshops, agricultural industry and spokesperson breakfast with Ag Force, dinner with Deb Frecklington MP for Nanango, media training with Lucy Kinbacher and Penelope Arthur from Queensland Country Life, and a Show Announcers Academy workshop with Lyndsey Douglas.

Congratulations to our 2023 State Finalists of the Queensland Country Life Showgirl Awards hosted by Queensland Ag Shows:



Showgirl	Show Society	Sub-Chamber	Placing
Isabella Hanson	Theodore	Central QLD	Winner
Olivia Harrison	Toogoolawah	West Moreton & Bris.	Runner-Up
Casey Cleary	Mt. Perry	Burnett	Showgirl's Choice
Lillian Lawrence	Clermont	Central Highlands	
Elizabeth Neal	Longreach	Central & North-West	
Elly Close	Crow's Nest	Darling Downs	
Jessie Gofton	Herbert River (Ingham)	North QLD	
Emma Franz	Nanango	South Burnett	
Bethany McDonald	Mudgeeraba	South-East QLD	
Rebekah Miller	St. George	South-West QLD	

This year we changed the announcement location from the traditional Ekka Fashion Stage to our Celebration Dinner at View Hotel Brisbane. This change was made following consultation with Justice Thomas, President of the RNA and Queensland Country Life. The change of announcement date and location was favourable for our sponsors and a great asset to our itinerary,



freeing up more productive time at the Ekka. At the Ekka on Saturday, 12th August, we

celebrated the Showgirl Awards through an informative presentation on the Plaza Stage. Our committee embraced the change and look forward to developing this for the 2024 State Finals.



A big thanks to our 2022 Queensland Country Life Showgirl Awards Winner, Sarah Rose and 2022 Queensland Country Life Showgirl Awards Runner Up, Amy Kuhne, for their fantastic representation of the Awards throughout the preceding 12 months.

My greatest thanks and congratulations goes to our Showgirl Awards committee, the most incredible group of passionate women who volunteer countless hours to bring the magic of the Showgirl tradition to light each year: would like to thank and congratulate my fellow committee members: Paige Caldwell, Brittany Kugel, Cheneya Vetter and Board Liaison officer, Kylee Matthews.



Ellie O'Hara – Chairperson, Queensland Country Life Showgirl Awards



Queensland Rural Ambassador Awards

Established in 2003, 2023 marked the 20th Anniversary of the Queensland Rural Ambassador Awards. For 20 years the Queensland Rural Ambassador Awards has been identifying and elevating emerging leaders in rural Queensland. These individuals have gone on to achieve marvelous feats for food and fibre, rural people, and Ag Shows in many forms.

We welcomed ten state finalists to the Ekka in 2023. Over five days, the finalists participated in a program that was designed to help them grow their networks, develop their skills and hone their ambitions. Commencing with the Grand Parade, the program featured dinners with dignitaries, Ag Tours, an immersive side show experience, professional development workshop and Celebration Dinner at Royal on the Park, culminating in a once in a lifetime Ekka experience.

On behalf of the Rural Ambassador Committee and Queensland Ag Shows we would like to congratulate each of the finalists on the incredible achievement of representing their Sub Chamber at a state level, you are all winners. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the achievement of the 2023 cohort:

Winner – *Harrison Lehman, Central Highlands*

Harry has a long history of show involvement, starting from his upbringing in Inverell, NSW. At just 21, he moved to Alpha to accept a managers role at a 40,000 acre property in the area. He now works within his partner's family beef cattle operation holding a certificate III in agriculture, and aspires to own and operate his own beef cattle property. The captain of Alpha's rugby league team, he also holds the position of vice president of the Alpha Rodeo and Campdraft committee. Together with his partner, he organised the Stockman's Challenge at the Alpha Show.



Runner Up – *Brianna Barron, Darling Downs*

Brianna is currently the Cooyar Agricultural Society's secretary, Showgirl coordinator and canteen coordinator. Beyond agriculture, she finds joy in weekend campdrafting and recently acquired a 700ac property in Cooyar. Brianna aims to establish a comprehensive primary production enterprise focused on cattle breeding, backgrounding and trading. Her professional journey includes marketing, social media management and livestock handling at Barron Bros Livestock, as well as holding a certificate II in agriculture.

Community Spirit – *Matthew Petty, West Moreton & Brisbane Valley*

Matthew has a rich history of exhibiting stud cattle and judging at events such as Ipswich Show and the Ekka. His interests include hay cultivation, beef cattle breeding and pasture improvement. In 2021, he founded Scenic Valley Contracting and holds qualifications in rural operations, carpentry and civil construction. He now aims to expand his family farm and business.



Rural Ambassador	Show Society	Sub-Chamber	Placing
Harrison Lehmen	Alpha	Central Highlands	Winner
Brianna Barron	Cooyar	Darling Downs	Runner-Up
Matthew Petty	Marburg	West Moreton & Brisbane Valley	Community Spirit Award
Tylen Wallace	Bundaberg	Burnett	
Bridie Fenech	Sarina	Central QLD	
Will Ringrose	Longreach	Central & North-West QLD	
Rikki Payne	Malanda	North QLD	
Mikaela Sima	Gympie	Near North Coast	
Carly Smith	Nanango	South Burnett	
Lauren Young	Dirranbandi	South-West QLD	

Thank you to the 2023 Judging Panel, Rachael Corcoran, Ben Drynan, Amy Wicks and Yvette McKenzie.

We also take this opportunity to acknowledge and express our deep gratitude to our sponsors. A special mention to our Gold Sponsors, RM Williams, Agforce and the RNA. Without the support of each of our Sponsors, the opportunities afforded to our state finalists simply would not be possible.

Finally, we sincerely thank the tireless efforts of the many local show and Sub-Chamber volunteers who conduct the Queensland Rural Ambassador Awards at a local level.



The undertaking of our State Finalists, Judges, Show Volunteers and Sponsors does not go unnoticed and is in the best traditions of the Australian Agricultural Show movement. The Queensland Rural Ambassador Awards provides an important avenue for Ag Shows to recognise, celebrate, and develop our future leaders by providing an opportunity to be involved in one of the greatest Australian traditions – the local Agricultural Show.

Brianna Hockey, Kerri Robertson, & Angela Green – 2023 Rural Ambassador Awards Committee



Dark Rich Fruit Cake

State Competition



2023 was the 25th year that the Rich Dark Fruit Cake was part of Queensland Ag Show State competitions. 11 cakes arrived at Queensland Ag Shows for the judging, which was held on the 5th August. May Gossow and her great team Lynette Mount and Travis Morice had the hard job of deciding the winner for this year. Thank you May for your comments during the judging. everyone learnt something which will help in future competitions.

All the cakes were taken to Ekka after the judging, and displayed for the duration of the show.

Winner:

Loretta Voll

Goombungee – Haden Show Society

Darling Downs Sub-Chamber

Runner-Up:

Ryan Murphy

Tamborine Show Society

South-East QLD Sub-Chamber

Ryan made history this year as the youngest competitor in the 25 years of the Dark Rich Fruit cake competition.



A big thank you to Carol Cahill for her enthusiasm and dedication to detail in arrange all aspects of the competition. Thank you, Tomas Silkman, for the live streaming of the winner's announcements on Facebook, the people loved it. Thank you, Trevor Beckingham, for chauffeuring the cakes to Ekka and back to their bakers.

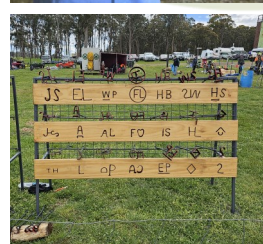
Thank you everyone from the shows, the Sub-Chambers, the judges, and most of all the bakers of the cakes, it all makes a great competition.

Viv White – Dark Rich Fruit Cake Competition Co-Ordinator

National Final

Competitions

QLD Representatives National Competition Finals	Placing	Full Name	Show Society
Beef Cattle Young Judges		Hayden Hanson	Gin Gin
Beef Cattle Young Paraders		Charlotte Cooper	Esk
Dairy Cattle Young Judges	3rd	Britney Holt	Maleny
Dairy Cattle Young Paraders		Zoe O'Neill	RASQ Toowoomba
Poultry Young Judges		Aron Franks	Mt Larcom
Merino Fleece Young Judges		Angus Hacker	Roma
Merino Sheep Young Judges	3rd	James Hillier	St George
Meat Sheep Young Judges	Winner	Kate-Elizabeth Worth	Warwick
Rural Ambassador		Cassandra Wortmann	Alpha
Alpaca Young Judges		No Competitor	
Grains Young Judges		No Competitor	
Soils Young Judges		No Competitor	



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**FINANCIAL REPORT
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BOARD REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Your elected Board Members present their report on the Chamber's operation for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc. was registered under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* as amended.

Details of Board Members and the number of Board Meetings attended by each Member from the 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 are:

Board Member	Position	Appoint	Replace	Board Meetings		Rotary Resolutions		Executive	
				Meetings Possible	Attend/ Proxy	Meetings Possible	Attend/ Proxy	Meetings Possible	Attend/ Proxy
D Wilson	President	Feb-21		7	7	18	18	5	5
	Senior Vice								
R O'Hara	President	Nov-19		7	6	18	18	1	1
	Junior Vice								
M Skerman	President	Feb-09		7	7	18	18	5	5
J Brent	Treasurer	Feb-22		7	7	18	15	4	4
T Beckingham	Secretary	Mar-19		7	7			5	5
L Neal	Board Member	Mar-18		7	7	18	17		
K Landsberg	Board Member	Jan-19		7	7	18	14		
V White	Board Member	Dec-20		6	6	18	17		
L Thomas	Board Member	Nov-21		7	7	18	16		
K Matthews	Board Member	Dec-21		7	7	18	15		
L Walsh	Board Member	Jun-22		7	3	18	14		
V Wyper	Board Member	May-23		3	3	6	6		
D Zanow	Board Member	Nov-23		0	0	0	0		
B Boatfield	Board Member	Nov-23		0	0	0	0		
K Cleary	Board Member	Nov-23		0	0	0	0		
K Robertson	President	Mar-17	Nov-23	7	4	18	18	1	1
	Senior Vice								
P Curtis	President	Mar-17	May-23	4	4	12	12	3	3
B Hockey	Board Member	Feb-22	Nov-23	7	6	18	16		
I Miller	Board Member	Oct-22	Aug-23	5	4	18	12		

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BOARD REPORT
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Principle Activities

The principle activities of the Chamber are:

- The negotiation of all types of necessary Insurance Cover at competitive rates to protect Agricultural Show Societies
- The administration of the Rain Protection Scheme for Agricultural Show Societies
- The negotiation of suitable arrangements with the Showmen's Guild of Australasia
- To provide information and assistance to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning with respect to the Queensland Government Show Society Grant Scheme on behalf of Agricultural Show Societies
- To render assistance and information to State Government Departments and Agencies on behalf of affiliated Agricultural Societies
- The approval of Agricultural Show dates
- Assist with information on schedules, awards, ribbons, judging, accounting records and other Agricultural Show related activities to encourage a greater similarity between Agricultural Shows
- The conduct of the Young Judges Competitions and other competitions for the promotion of the Agricultural Show Society movement

Operating result

The profit of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$4,201.98 (2022 \$8,427.23).

Board Members Remuneration

Board Members receive no remuneration for their services.

Significant changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee:

David Wilson (President)

John Brent OAM (Treasurer)

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2024

QUEENSLAND CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES
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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
EXPENDITURE		
Accommodation	34,445.91	18,648.81
Advertising	5,188.52	3,547.09
Audit Fees	4,500.00	4,500.00
Bad and Doubtful Debts	3,600.00	8.63
Bank Fees	535.30	1,935.22
Bookkeeping	2,450.00	1,787.50
Catering and Venue Expenses	40,606.97	11,498.72
Competition Expenses and Prize Money	15,455.10	18,464.56
Depreciation	3,057.93	2,668.48
Donations and Gifts	1,394.04	1,382.73
Electricity	2,419.33	1,487.89
Function Expenses	10,049.45	38,980.52
Insurance	7,682.64	8,822.11
IT Expenses	12,591.77	37,958.07
Office Expenses	538.87	436.36
Photocopier Lease	4,002.90	4,730.70
Postage, Printing and Stationery	5,096.60	5,961.20
Professional Services	19,028.91	16,646.27
Rent	9,900.00	11,610.37
Repairs and Maintenance	2,860.67	20,654.54
Subscriptions	14,640.69	11,816.44
Superannuation	15,605.90	13,988.86
Telephone and Internet	2,688.06	2,709.59
Training	1,702.95	1,454.49
Travel	29,002.09	23,698.48
Uniform	1,524.91	1,809.90
Wages and Allowances	161,635.49	159,646.91
Workers Compensation	717.56	1,543.41
Other Expenses	902.07	245.59
	<u>413,824.63</u>	<u>428,643.44</u>
Profit/(Loss) for the year	<u>4,201.98</u>	<u>8,427.23</u>
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	<u>539,309.46</u>	<u>530,882.23</u>
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	<u>543,511.44</u>	<u>539,309.46</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

QUEENSLAND CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES
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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
LICENCE FEES		
APRA Licence Fees - Revenue	5,975.00	5,181.50
APRA Licence Fees - Cost	<u>(5,188.97)</u>	<u>(4,994.30)</u>
Gross Profit	<u><u>786.03</u></u>	<u><u>187.20</u></u>
INSURANCE		
Insurance Recoveries for Ag Societies	-	-
Insurance Payments for Ag Societies	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,900.87)</u>
Gross Profit	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(5,900.87)</u></u>
INCOME		
Gross Profit from Licence Fees	786.03	187.20
Gross Profit from Insurance	-	(5,900.87)
Affiliation Fees	285,609.00	317,212.95
Advertising Income	-	(86.36)
Donations	8,200.00	5,600.00
Event Revenue	23,498.71	18,648.21
Grant Revenue	27,002.40	33,316.90
Interest Income	13,643.86	6,488.09
Raffle Income	4,161.68	-
Sponsorship	53,272.05	61,400.00
Other Income	<u>1,852.88</u>	<u>204.55</u>
	<u><u>418,026.61</u></u>	<u><u>437,070.67</u></u>

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QUEENSLAND CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	1,834,065.53	1,654,851.96
Trade and other receivables	3	4,126.28	3,245.09
Other	4	7,139.09	416.58
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,845,330.90	1,658,513.63
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	13,828.88	2,626.91
Other	4	638.00	638.00
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		14,466.88	3,264.91
TOTAL ASSETS		1,859,797.78	1,661,778.54
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	6	13,168.53	9,422.69
Provisions	7	10,142.84	12,082.12
Other	8	1,313.82	8,600.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		24,625.19	30,104.81
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	7	7,416.26	4,960.02
Rain Protection Scheme	9	1,284,244.89	1,087,404.25
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,291,661.15	1,092,364.27
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,316,286.34	1,122,469.08
NET ASSETS		543,511.44	539,309.46
EQUITY			
Retained earnings	10	543,511.44	539,309.46
TOTAL EQUITY		543,511.44	539,309.46

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QUEENSLAND CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES
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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Operating Profit/(Loss)	4,201.98	8,427.23
Adjustments for		
Depreciation	3,057.93	2,668.48
Increase in Employee Provisions	516.96	1,355.51
Increase in Prepayments	(6,722.51)	(416.58)
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(881.19)	2,357.83
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	3,745.84	(16,098.53)
Decrease in Unearned Income	(8,600.00)	(13,000.00)
Increase/(Decrease) in Accrued Expenses	1,313.82	(22,682.00)
Increase/(Decrease) in Rain Protection Scheme	196,840.64	(386,506.68)
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>193,473.47</u>	<u>(423,894.74)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Fixed Asset - Purchases	(14,259.90)	-
Net cash flow from investing activities	<u>(14,259.90)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Lease Payments	-	-
Net cash flow from financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	 179,213.57	 (423,894.74)
Cash at beginning of financial year	1,654,851.96	2,078,746.70
Cash at end of financial year	<u><u>1,834,065.53</u></u>	<u><u>1,654,851.96</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

QUEENSLAND CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The committee have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the entity is a non reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. The financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the needs of members.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies disclosed below which the committee have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of these statements are as follows:

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within current liabilities on the balance sheet.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Cash flows in the cash flow statement are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

Income Tax

The Chamber is a charity registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNA) and accordingly the Chamber is an exempt body under Section 50-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 and is accordingly not liable for income tax.

QUEENSLAND CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies
cont.

Rain Protection Scheme

In accordance with the rules of the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc. (Chamber), the Chamber manages the Rain Protection Scheme (Scheme) on behalf of the contributing Show Societies. The Scheme was established to provide protection for loss in gate takings from rain to Show Societies affiliated with the Chamber.

The application of the Scheme is restricted to the receipt of subscriptions and payment of claims and

The Scheme is under the management of the Chamber Board; the Secretary of the Chamber is also the Secretary of the Scheme.

Separate Bank Accounts are used for receipts and payments in respect to the Rain Protection Scheme. Income and expenses are recorded separately in the Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income.

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	2023 \$	2022 \$
5 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Computer Equipment		
At Cost	22,484.49	20,958.14
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(20,800.74)</u>	<u>(20,114.24)</u>
	<u>1,683.75</u>	<u>843.90</u>
 Office Equipment		
At Cost	14,996.38	5,034.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(6,589.77)</u>	<u>(5,034.00)</u>
	<u>8,406.61</u>	<u>0.00</u>
 Office Furniture & Fittings		
At Cost	9,281.90	6,510.73
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(5,543.38)</u>	<u>(4,727.72)</u>
	<u>3,738.52</u>	<u>1,783.01</u>
 Plant		
At Cost	7,760.57	7,760.57
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(7,760.57)</u>	<u>(7,760.57)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Website		
At Cost	7,500.00	7,500.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(7,500.00)</u>	<u>(7,500.00)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>13,828.88</u>	<u>2,626.91</u>
 6 Trade and Other Payables		
Trade Creditors	2,233.00	68.88
St George Credit Card Facility	952.15	323.45
PAYG Payable	2,374.00	1,368.00
Superannuation Payable	4,837.38	7,662.36
ATO Integrated Client Account	<u>2,772.00</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>13,168.53</u>	<u>9,422.69</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
2 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
St George Trading Account	86,129.81	92,525.29
St George Rain Protection Scheme Account	200,164.84	425,445.06
St George Next Gen Account	6,539.17	8,373.77
St George Visa Debit Card Account	224.37	34.08
St George Term Deposit - Qld Ag Shows	450,000.00	450,000.00
St George Term Deposit - Rain	678,473.76	678,473.76
St George Term Deposit - Rain	412,533.58	-
	<u>1,834,065.53</u>	<u>1,654,851.96</u>
3 Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Trade Debtors	-	(54.68)
GST Receivable	3,671.00	1,768.92
ATO Integrated Client Account	-	284.00
GST Adjustments	455.28	1,246.85
	<u>4,126.28</u>	<u>3,245.09</u>
4 Other		
Current		
Prepayments	7,139.09	416.58
	<u>7,139.09</u>	<u>416.58</u>
Non-Current		
Rental Bond	638.00	638.00
	<u>638.00</u>	<u>638.00</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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	2023 \$	2022 \$
7 Provisions		
Current		
Annual Leave	10,142.84	12,082.12
	<u>10,142.84</u>	<u>12,082.12</u>
Non-Current		
Long Service Leave	7,416.26	4,960.02
	<u>7,416.26</u>	<u>4,960.02</u>
8 Other Liabilities		
Current		
Accrued Expenses	1,313.82	-
Unearned Income	-	8,600.00
	<u>1,313.82</u>	<u>8,600.00</u>
9 Rain Protection Scheme		
Opening Balance	1,087,404.25	1,473,910.93
Subscriptions	172,319.91	93,285.62
Interest Received	34,523.73	7,663.70
	<u>1,294,247.89</u>	<u>1,574,860.25</u>
Bank Charges	(3.00)	(6.00)
Professional Fees	(10,000.00)	-
Rain Protection Payments	-	(487,450.00)
Closing Balance	<u>1,284,244.89</u>	<u>1,087,404.25</u>
10 Retained Earnings		
General Retained Earnings		
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial	539,309.46	530,882.23
Net profit / (loss) attributable to members of the		
association	4,201.98	8,427.23
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	<u>543,511.44</u>	<u>539,309.46</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

QUEENSLAND CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES
ABN: 79 086 021 294
STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee, the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 11:

- 1 Present fairly the association's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date;
- 2 In the committee's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by.

President

David Wilson


Dated this _____ day of _____ 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF QUEENSLAND CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES
ABN: 79 086 021 294**

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

Name of Firm: OBT Accounting and Tax
Public Accountants

Name of Partner: 
Rodney Logan

Address: 20 William Street, Gatton QLD 4343

Dated this day of 26th February 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF QUEENSLAND CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES
ABN: 79 086 021 294**

**Independent audit report to the members of association, Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies
Report on the audit of the financial report**

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies (the association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2023, the income statement, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the statement by members of the committee.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report of the association for the year ended 31 December 2023 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report section of my report. I am independent of the association in I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of matter - basis of accounting

I draw attention to note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the association in fulfilling their reporting responsibilities. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My report is intended solely for the association and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the association. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibility of management and those charged with governance

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the association's financial reporting process.

Depreciation Schedule for the year ended				31/12/2023		Addition		Disposals		Depreciation			
Office Equipment	Cost	Purchase Date	Cost	Date	Consideration	Date	Opening Written Down Value	T	Rate	Depreciation	Closing Written Down Value		
Laminator A3 Rexell LP35HS	268.18						-	SL	20.00%	-	-		
Fuji FinePix S5500 Digital Camera & Equipment	626.36						-	SL	20.00%	-	-		
Soundart PWA-100D Portable P.A.	1,034.00	17/11/2014					-	SL	25.00%	-	-		
Fridge Haier - HRF224FW	361.82	17/11/2014					-	SL	20.00%	-	-		
Epson EB-U32 Projector	1,293.64	12/01/2016					-	SL	20.00%	-	-		
KY Epson WF-100 Portable Printer	315.45	06/08/2018					-	SL	33.33%	-	-		
Mobile Phone	1,134.55	22/03/2019					-	SL	33.33%	-	-		
Logitech Rally Bundle	6,650.92	21/03/2023	6,650.92	21/03/2023			-	SL	20.00%	1,038.64	5,612.28		
LG 86" Television	3,311.46	21/03/2023	3,311.46	21/03/2023			-	SL	20.00%	517.13	2,794.33		
Total Office Equipment	14,996.38		9,962.38				-			1,555.77	8,406.61		
Computer Equipment	Cost	Purchase Date	Cost	Date	Consideration	Date	Opening Written Down Value	T	Rate	Depreciation	Closing Written Down Value		
Intel Core i5-650 3.20Ghz LGA 1156 CPU - Reception	961.04	12/07/2016					-	SL	25.00%	-	-		
Dell Laptop Z510835AU Inspiron 11"	615.51	29/06/2017					-	SL	33.33%	-	-		
Server hardware, software, antivirus	7,494.00	04/04/2017					-	SL	25.00%	-	-		
Server installation etc	2,058.00	19/12/2017					-	SL	20.00%	-	-		
Server installation etc	4,305.00	23/06/2017					-	SL	20.00%	-	-		
Email migration to Office 365	560.00	23/06/2017					42.67	SL	16.67%	42.67	-		
HP ProDesk 400 PC i5-7500 Processor	1,199.00	23/01/2018					-	SL	25.00%	-	-		
Router	936.00	20/11/2019					-	SL	33.33%	-	-		
HP 15.6" Laptop	1,199.00	11/12/2019					-	SL	33.33%	-	-		
HP 440 G8 Laptop - Competitions	1,630.59	22/06/2021					801.23	SL	33.33%	543.48	257.76		
HP Elite Mini 600 PC	1,526.35	26/09/2023	1,526.35	26/09/2023			-	SL	25.00%	100.36	1,425.99		
Total Computer Equipment	22,484.49		1,526.35				843.90			686.50	1,683.74		

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Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31/12/2023			Addition		Disposals		Depreciation				
Office Furniture & Fittings	Cost	Purchase Date	Cost	Date	Consideration	Date	Opening Written Down Value	T	Rate	Depreciation	Closing Written Down Value
2 x Bookcases - CEO & Accou nts	245.46						-	SL	20.00%	-	-
Office Desk - Accou nts	77.27						-	SL	20.00%	-	-
2 x Steel Stationery Cabinets - Back room	481.82						-	SL	20.00%	-	-
1500mm Cherry Cabinet - CEO	109.09	15/10/2013					-	SL	20.00%	-	-
3 x Black Leather Suite Chairs	590.91	15/10/2013					-	SL	20.00%	-	-
Cabinet & Hutch	159.09	15/10/2013					-	SL	20.00%	-	-
3 x Filing Cabinets	47.27	07/04/2014					-	SL	20.00%	-	-
Signage office							-				-
Signage office							-				-
Desk - Admin	308.00	07/04/2014					-	SL	20.00%	-	-
Victoria Desk with Return	313.64	27/09/2016					117.38	SL	10.00%	31.36	86.02
Credenza 1500Wx500D Cherry	159.09	27/09/2016					59.53	SL	10.00%	15.91	43.62
Used Sat Cab Melamine 1800h	177.27	27/09/2016					-	SL	20.00%	-	-
Innova Boardroom Table	1,396.75	12/06/2019					900.04	SL	10.00%	139.68	760.37
10 x Ergoform High Back Operator Chairs	2,045.27	12/06/2019					590.60	SL	20.00%	409.05	181.55
1 x Ergoform High Back Executive Chair	399.80	12/06/2019					115.45	SL	20.00%	79.96	35.49
Office Cupboards	2,771.17	30/06/2023	2,771.17	30/06/2023			-	SL	10.00%	139.70	2,631.47
Total Office Furniture & Fittings	9,281.90		2,771.17				1,783.01			815.66	3,738.52

Depreciation Schedule for the year ended			31/12/2023	Addition	Disposals	Depreciation					
Plant & Equipment	Cost	Purchase Date	Cost	Date	Consideration	Date	Opening Written Down Value	T	Rate	Depreciation	Closing Written Down Value
6 x Folding Tables QCAS Travelling Advertising Pack VFC03 Flip Chart Easel & Carry Bag 3 x Display System Roll Up Banners Marque	352.73						-	SL	20.00%	-	-
	3,694.84						-	SL	33.33%	-	-
	390.00						-	SL	33.33%	-	-
	1,300.00						-	SL	33.33%	-	-
	2,023.00	06/11/2015					-	SL	33.33%	-	-
Total Plant & Equipment	7,760.57		-				-			-	-
Website	Cost	Purchase Date	Cost	Date	Consideration	Date	Opening Written Down Value	T	Rate	Depreciation	Closing Written Down Value
Website Design & Development	7,500.00	22/12/2018					-	SL	33.33%	-	-
Total Website	7,500.00		-				-			-	-
Grand Total	54,262.77		14,259.90				2,626.90			3,057.93	13,828.87



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