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Conference – Back to Basics – Brisbane

Unfortunately, our Brisbane Back to Basics Conference had to be cancelled for a variety of reasons, particularly that it coincided with the recent State Elections. However, a new date has been set.

The new date will see the conference on the same weekend of the AGM and Qld Ag Shows Gala Awards evening.

- "Back to Basics" Conference – Saturday 22nd Brisbane – venue to be confirmed 8am – 4.30pm
- Gala Awards Dinner – Saturday 22nd March 2025 – View Hotel, Brisbane
- "Back to Basics" Conference Sunday 23rd March - Brisbane 8am – 1pm - View Hotel, Brisbane
- AGM – Sunday 23rd March 2025 – View Hotel, Brisbane

Attendees are responsible for their own accommodation, however, if you will be staying at The View Hotel, please tell them you are attending the conference for discounted rooms.

The cost for this conference will be \$50 plus GST which will include all sessions along with morning tea, lunches, and afternoon tea.

Tickets will be online only and will not be available at the door.



Conference – Emerald and Townsville

The "Back to Basics" Conference will also be held at Emerald and Townsville.

Emerald - Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th February 2025 – Emerald Town Hall

Townsville - Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd March 2025 - Mercure Townsville

The Emerald and Townsville conferences will cater for the Northern, Central and Western Queensland Shows. This is a great opportunity for professional and personal development for show volunteers and will provide valuable information to make your local shows more successful. It will include presentations from government agencies, and industry leaders. Sessions will include Biosecurity, competitions, ACNC, and other very relevant information for shows and their volunteers.

The cost for this conference will be \$50 plus GST which will include all sessions along with morning tea, lunches and afternoon tea and networking evening BBQ.

As per the Brisbane conference tickets will be online only and will not be available at the door.



Where's Trevor



General Manager, Trevor Beckingham will be away from the office from Monday 4th November until Monday 9th December. He is currently taking annual leave overseas and will attend the International Association of Fairs and Expos (IAFE) Convention in Pheonix on December 1-4 before returning to Australia.

Carol is available for any enquiries or information while Trevor is absent.

Please note that the office will be closed each Friday until and including December 6th.

Biosecurity Alert – birds and poultry

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries have recently issued a statement on

This statement was emailed to Secretaries on 24th October. Please ensure that your poultry sections are aware of it.

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/pests-diseases-weeds/protect-animal-plant/bird-owners/national-biosecurity-manual-exhibition-poultry>

Australia remains the only continent free from the high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) strain H5N1 and ongoing vigilance and surveillance is required. Please see attached important information regarding steps to take to protect birds at shows.

Fanciers who own **100 or more birds** (that are raised for human consumption (e.g., poultry and eggs) or have been released into free flight since they started being kept in captivity (e.g., pigeons) **must also be registered as a biosecurity entity**. Registration is free if you don't claim primary producer status on your tax return.

We would appreciate if you could share the attached information to all bird show organisers, and remind anyone who owns more than 100 birds to check their registration and contact details are current via the [biosecurity entity registration portal](#).



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Secretaries Handbook

We have developed a Secretaries Handbook which can be used by all committee members. This useful guide has all sorts of information relevant to running your show. It is regularly updated when information changes. Find it in the Resource section of the Qld Ag Shows website.



Annual Returns – Urgent deadline

Have you completed your 2024 Annual Return?

For Shows who have not it is now a matter of urgency, and we request that you complete and submit your Return at your earliest possible convenience. We are unable to accurately finalize our budget for 2024 without all returns.

If you do not return your Annual Return, you will not be offered Rain Protection and your affiliation fees for 2025 may not be correct.

The 2024 Annual Return is a VERY much cut back on the information that was required in previous Returns so this should be easier and quicker to complete and submit.

This is the link to the form.

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/QueenslandAgShows/2024AnnualReturnQLDAgShows>

Information for Shows

The following information statements have been emailed to Secretaries and are on our website.

Information statements -

- 52. Offensive Insignia and Symbols - Issued – 31st October 2024
- 53. New Knife Laws - issued 31st October 2024

Factsheets -

Banned Items list – this is an updated list.

Ag Ed resources are now on our website.

There has been a **review of the current Chainsaw rules** with a few changes made. If your show holds Chainsaw racing, please check the current rules which are on our website in the resource section

Competition Regulations – Chainsaw racing rules V3

REMEMBER -If you are running a high risk activity you must contact your insurer with the details of your event.

These are in response to changes that directly affect your Show. We request that these be distributed within your organisation and be tabled for your next Management Committee Meeting.





New Cookery State Final Competition – ANZAC Biscuits

The Qld AG Shows Next Generation working group have been assigned to introduce a new cookery competition to start in 2025.

This competition is open for those aged between 18 and 40 years old as of 1st May in the year of competition.

This age group is our Next Generation group, and the competition is designed to encourage the younger competitors to have a go.

This competition will be run similar to the Dark Rich Fruit Cake competition. Winners at the local show will be invited to the Sub Chamber finals and that winner will be invited to compete in the State Finals.

The competition will call for a plate of 4 ANZAC biscuits to be presented using the CWA ANZAC biscuit recipe.

Why ANZAC biscuits? Apart from being an Australian/New Zealand tradition, ANZAC biscuits are low cost, easy to make, easy to transport and long lasting. As easy as they may be to prepare, there is still a skill in producing a good biscuit.



Shows are able to conduct and advertise this competition commencing from January 2025.

Rules and regulations and entry forms are in the process of being prepared and will be sent to shows on completion and will also be on our website.



Affiliation fees and Rain Protection Scheme fee

At the October Board Meeting the Board has determined –

- ❖ The affiliation fees each Show pays is to stay the current rate of \$55 per \$1000 of the gate take. This is the 5th year of this rate as the current Affiliation fee rate has been on hold for the previous 4 years due to COVID. Shows will be invoiced in early February for the 2025 year.
- ❖ Rain Protection Scheme (RPS). This is to remain the current rate of \$50 per \$1000 of the gate take. The Rules and Regulations for 2025 will stay the same as 2024. Shows who are part of the Scheme will be sent an offer 8 weeks prior to the Show with 2 weeks to accept.
- ❖ Shows who chose to alter their RPS cover will be charged at \$500 per alteration to cover administration costs.

ACNC Registration

Is your show society navigating ACNC registration due to the recent ATO's self-assessment rules for not-for-profit entities? To assist societies in navigating this process, Agricultural Shows Australia has compiled a comprehensive FAQ document. <https://agshowsaustralia.org.au/acnc-frequently-asked.../>



Qld Ag Shows Awards – nominations required by 31st December

Queensland Ag Shows Awards recognise excellence and innovation in the Agricultural Show movement.

It is time to start thinking who you will nominate for these awards!!

Outstanding Individual Contribution

This award aims to acknowledge individuals who have made a significant outstanding contribution or achievement within one of Queensland's 129 Agricultural Show Societies. They may have made a significant contribution during a 2023 Show or over a number of years in the capacity of a Chief Steward/Steward, exhibitor, organising volunteer or committee member etc, or to have assisted in an outstanding way through the development or organisation/running of a new or existing competition, secured considerable sponsorship or grant opportunities, or acted in a major role within the Show society that deserves recognition.

Emerging Leader

This award acknowledges an individual aged between 18 and 35 who has, through their attitude and efforts within at least one of Queensland's 129 Agricultural Show societies, demonstrated they are an emerging leader in the movement. Their work may have been to assist individuals or groups, or to develop competitions or programs to help the society and/or their community. For example, they might be a Steward, livestock donor, an organising volunteer, event marketer or executive member.

The nominee should have made a significant voluntary contribution to the benefit of the affiliated Show society. The nominee must be between the ages of 18 and 35 inclusive as at date of nomination and have been a member of a Qld Ag Shows affiliated Show for at least 12 months.

Best Innovation in A Local Event

This award is for innovation in a local event hosted by a Queensland Ag Shows affiliated show society. The award aims to not only celebrate the innovation, but those that helped to spearhead its organisation and development. The 'innovation' could include anything from a new entertainment item to innovative social media campaigns, data gathering and registration services, adaptations or any other innovation that has taken a local event experience to the next level. The innovation must have occurred during the *previous 12 months*.

How To Enter?

- Complete the details in the appropriate nomination form available on the website on the Awards page.
- Attach a maximum 1000-word submission outlining an overview of the nominee.
- Include a high-resolution photograph of the Nominee.

Nominations are now open and will close 31st December.

Follow this link for entry form -

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Poultry Young Judges Competition

Congratulations to Shikira Stebhens from Rockhampton who recently took out the National Finals first prize in the Poultry Young Judges competition in Adelaide.

Do you have a Poultry Club in your district or a Poultry competition at your Show? Do you have a Poultry Young Judges competition? It is great if you do but if you don't – why not? The Qld Ag Shows Young Judges competition caters for 15-25 year old youth.

Things you can do to get this competition at your show

- talk to your local poultry club or exhibitor or steward and see if they would do an information session on poultry and what the judges look for.
- Get the youth involved as stewards.
- Do you have a local judge who might mentor a junior judge

Qld Ag Shows would love to know who has Poultry Young Judges and we are here to help if you want to start. **If you have a Poultry Young Judges competition, can you please send details of the winner of your competition on the Poultry Young Judges entry form to Qld Ag Shows.** You can find this information on our webpage in the competitions section.



National Finals – 2024

On behalf of Queensland Ag Shows we would like to thank and congratulate our National Finalists for representing Queensland at the National Competition Finals in Melbourne, and Adelaide, this year. You made all of us VERY proud.

Queensland RESULTS:

- Poultry Young Judges – winner – Shikira Stephens (Rockhampton)
- Dairy Young Judges – winner – Patrick English (Malanda)
- Dairy Young Paraders – didn't place – Rachel English (Malanda)
- Meat Breeds Sheep Young Judges – runner up – Hannah Haupt (Brisbane)
- Merino Fleece Young Judges – runner up – Grace Hillier (St George)
- Merino Sheep Young Judges – 6th - Grace Hillier (St George)
- Grain Young Judges – runner up – Olivia Delaforce (Toogoolawah)
- Stud Beef Young Judges – 4th – Daniel Ford (Canaga)
- Stud Beef Young Paraders – winner – Olivia Delaforce (Toogoolawah)
- Rural Ambassador – did not place – Harrison Lehman (Alpha)

Keast Shield (State Championship) – WINNER – Queensland (most successful state).

We haven't won this since 2017 so it is truly a testament to the young people that we have coming through.



Important dates for Qld Ag Shows

The following Dates have been confirmed for Qld Ag Shows so mark them on your calendar.

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| Monday 13 th January | Think Tank | 4 Turner Av, Yatala. |
| Sat 8 th & Sun 9 th Feb | Back to Basics Conference | Emerald Town Hall |
| Sat 1 st & Sun 2 nd March | Back to Basics Conference | Townsville |
| Saturday 22 nd March | Back to Basics Conference | TBA - Brisbane 8am – 4.30pm |
| Saturday 22 nd March | Qld Ag Shows Gala Awards Dinner | The View Hotel, Brisbane |
| Sunday 23 rd March | Back to Basics Conference | The View Hotel, Brisbane |
| Sunday 23 rd March | Qld Ag Shows AGM | The View Hotel Brisbane |
| Friday 28 th March | Meat Breed Sheep -Young Judges State Final | RASQ Toowoomba Show |
| Saturday 10 th May | Merino Fleece & Merino Sheep YJ State Final | Roma Showgrounds |
| Saturday 31 st May | Dairy Young Judges & Paraders State Final | Maleny Showgrounds |
| <i>Monday 30th June</i> | <i>All Sub Chamber Finals entry forms to be received by Qld Ag Shows office</i> | |
| Saturday 2 nd August | Dark Rich Fruit Cake State Final | Rocklea Showgrounds |
| Saturday 2 nd August | Next Gen ANZAC Biscuits State Final | Rocklea Showgrounds |
| August - date TBC | Beef Cattle Young Judges & Paraders State Final | RNA EKKA |
| August – date TBC | Prime Cattle Young Judges State Final | RNA EKKA |
| August – date TBC | Poultry Young Judges State Final | RNA EKKA |
| Friday 8 th August | Showgirl State Final Presentation | The View Hotel, Brisbane |
| Sunday 10 th August | Rural Ambassador State Final Presentation | The View Hotel, Brisbane |





Think Tank

The Annual Think Tank will be held on Monday 13th January 2025 at the Showmens Guild Office at 4 Turner Avenue, Yatala.

Think Tank is an opportunity provided by the Showmens Guild, Qld Ag Shows and Ag Shows NSW on relevant topics prior to the Show season.

How do you register?

- Go to Facebook to register
- phone the Showmens Guild office on (07) 3807 0011
- Email: admin@showmensguild.com.au



2025 Showmens Guild - Think Tank Back to Basics Monday 13th January 2025 - Yatala

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| 9:00am - 9:30am | REGISTRATION | TIME WITH SHOW ENTERTAINERS |
| 10:00am - 10:10am | Welcome and Opening - Rowan O'Hara | |
| 10:10am - 10:30am | PRESIDENT'S WELCOME • Aaron Pink – Showmens Guild • Jill Chapman – Ag Shows NSW • David Wilson – QLD Ag Shows | |
| 10:30am - 11:00am | Foundations for Success: Practical Strategies from Ag Shows NSW for Running a Local Show Brett Kenworthy | |
| 11:00am - 11:30am | Show Sustainability: Running Your Show as a Business Revenue Diversification Engaging local communities and schools | |
| 11:30am - 12:00pm | Ensuring Safety: Workplace Health & Safety Best Practices for Showgrounds | |
| 12:00pm - 1:00pm | LUNCH | |
| 1:00pm - 1:30pm | Navigating Communication with the Showmen's Guild: Identifying Your Delegate and Building a Successful Sideshow Aaron Pink Chris Hennessy | |
| 1:30pm - 2:00pm | Mastering Show Society Finances: The Treasurer's Role, Financial Management, and Legal Compliance Denis Cahill | |
| 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Challenges and Opportunities for Shows Open discussion with 3 panelists from the show movement Volunteer recruitment and Leveraging partnerships and sponsorships | |
| 3:00pm | CONCLUSION - Aaron Pink | |

* Please Note: Speakers Subject to Change *

Please Note: the speakers and times are subject to change.



Please Share this Newsletter with Your Members

Welcome to the November newsletter. While this newsletter is emailed to the Secretary, we would like it shared to as many of your members as possible. There is often content which may be of use or interest to others.

Apart from Shows, we share this with stakeholders, government departments, and others. There is no confidential information in the newsletter so please share it around.

As always, we try to keep the information relevant, and articles often come from inquiries we have had during the past month.

NLIS Information fo Sheep & Goats

The National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) ensures that lifetime movements of cattle, sheep, pigs and goats can be identified and recorded within Australia. Queensland participates in the NLIS, which is supported by Queensland legislation.

New laws will be introduced for Sheep and Goats from January 2025.

1 January 2025

- All sheep and farmed goats born on or after 1 January 2025 will need to be tagged with an EID before they leave their property of birth.
- Saleyard, depot, and property to property scanning begins.
- Sheep and farmed goats with visual tags to comply with current mob-based movements.
- 1 January 2027
- All sheep and farmed goats will need to be tagged with an EID if moved from their property of residence.
- Visual tag system and mob-based movements will no longer be allowed.
- All industry sectors will be required to scan sheep or farmed goats with EID devices.

Guidelines and reporting will be similar to cattle and the same reading equipment can be used. As per cattle reporting, sheep and goat's movements will need to be recorded within 24 hours.

Visit the Dept of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) to keep up to date.

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/animal/nlis/sheep-and-goat-identification>



ASA Conference

2025 ASA Conference – Reimagining An icon

Early bird tickets on sale soon! – [register your interest today](#) so we can tell you when tickets are available. **ONLY 100** early bird tickets will be available @\$299 after that tickets will be \$360.



Schedule of Events

- Thursday 13th February: Registration Day & Welcome Function
- Friday 14th to Saturday 15th February: Conference Days
- Saturday 15th February: Gala Dinner
- Sunday 16th February: Networking Breakfast

Conference highlights:

- **Keynote** addresses on both days
- **Topics** around balancing tradition with an eye to the future, artificial intelligence, storytelling, importance of a surplus, show experiences and that's just the start!!
- **Interactive** sessions where you will take home those quick wins for your show society
- Education **activation** ideas
- Dedicated **workshop** for Emerging Leaders (18 – 40yrs) focussing on unlocking the leader
- A DEBATE!!

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