

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Cowra Show Society.

Some Highlights of the year:

- The 140th Cowra Show was a success again this year which can only be attributed to the hardworking stewards and general members. The move to having a Friday night, a Saturday and a free day on Sunday for the horse events did not detract from attendance and the community spirit. It was a showcase of agriculture, the horse industry, dogs, handicrafts, photography, arts and cooking to name a few. The rodeo on the Friday night attracted a respectable crowd and with the good weather and plenty of attractions and exhibits on the Saturday the gate takings were up with previous successful years. We would like to thank the members and general community for adapting to the RMS requirement of no parking on Grenfell Road and the restricted speed zone. We will be changing the Friday night entertainment and attractions due to the rising exorbitant cost of running a rodeo. Watch this space as the executive have been working on the new attractions already.
- Miss Cowra Showgirl – This year Beatrice Patterson is 2019 Miss Cowra showgirl, who will represent Cowra at the Land Show Girl Competition at Dubbo on February 22nd. This will be a fabulous learning experience that will help her into the future.
- Rural Achievers – Thanks to Mitch Dwyer for obviously interviewing well in the big smoke to get Cowra on the map. Lily Wright was our senior Rural Achiever winner, and Lillie Felton our intermediate, and Chloe Wilson our junior. Hopefully this will inspire the younger men's to become a senior winner with the hope of getting to the Sydney Royal.
- The Cowra Wine Show was down on previous years due to drought and contact issues with the smaller producers we need to boost the Single Vineyard section. Despite this the hard work of the committee especially Michael Flannery, Paul Smith and Jenni Fagan ensured a great result by keeping costs to a minimum. This did not detract from the quality of judging and results under the guidance of the chief judge Peter Kelly. One major coup was all gold and silver winners in the single vineyard class had automatic entry into the National Canberra wine show Again the public wine tasting was well attended with many accolades of a well-run show. The Responsible Service of Alcohol requirement which has now been running for 2 years is being well accepted by the public. Also the presentation night in the pavilion was a success with numbers up on previous years.
- The Dorset Stud Sheep Committee under the guidance of Roger Traves once again run the Land NSW Dorset Championships. Numbers were a little up on

previous years due to the hard work of Roger in getting entries. Congratulations to Roger's helpers in setting up, running the show and cleaning up. Roger will need all hands on deck early in the New Year to make up the rest of our pens so we don't have to travel around to other shows to borrow pens. It was good to see the young blood at the show.

- The success of all the show events during the year is due to the hard work of various chairpersons, Chief Stewards and many volunteers. There are too many to mention by name but on behalf of the Cowra Show Society we extend our heartfelt thanks.
- I also want to thank the Executive Committee and the members of the General Committee who have put much thought and effort into operating the Show Society during the year. Unfortunately our current president Trish Gundersen resigned but her job was taken up by the Vice Presidents Matt Bohman and myself. Thanks to the young blood on the executive committee for keeping us on track and teaching us a little on power of social media Hopefully these younger people stand up for 2020.
- Next issue is the secretary Christie Anderson has moved onto greener pastures. Thank you Christie for all your hard work and drumming up plenty of business for hall hire. You will be missed but hopefully you'll be around to help out as a member. While on that note we welcome Graham Eddy as the new secretary who has been settling in rapidly. With executive approval, Graham has been injecting some new ideas into the operation of the office and hopefully reduce costs.
- An extra big thank you and acknowledgement to the business community in the area for their generous support and sponsorship. Finances would be in a sad state without you.

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