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Survive and thrive: 5 success stories from local shows

Local shows have always been breeding grounds for new ideas, learning platforms and spaces to experiment, collaborate and inspire. Across NSW, innovative committees are finding smart ways to adapt and thrive. Here are five examples leading the charge:

1. Ganmain's School Auctioneer Competition

Since 2019, Ganmain Show has run a School Auctioneer Competition giving students hands-on experience with public speaking and auctioneering. Local schools hold heats with support from ag teachers and livestock agents, where students learn the basics - voice control, body language, and calling bids. Finalists compete at the Ganmain Show in a mock auction using livestock already on-site.

It's fun, fast paced, and many students go on to careers in ag sales or public speaking. In 2024, the format became the model for the state-wide AgShows NSW competition. Any show can run it - it just takes a mic, a few prizes and some local mentors.

2. Bellingen Show: Waste and sustainability initiative

In 2023, Bellingen Show tackled its lack of waste infrastructure by partnering with AUSGreen and Coffee for Climate to launch a community-led waste program. Clearly marked waste stations - with bins for compost, recycling, and landfill - cut landfill volume from 16 to 12 cubic metres. A mug

library reduced single-use cups, and volunteers helped guide correct disposal.

3. Sustainabellingen: Fringe event

To broaden its sustainability impact, the Bellingen show also launched *Sustainabellingen*, a fringe event featuring panels on climate action, farming, housing and accessibility, plus a keynote from a former ABC weatherman. Due to its success, *Sustainabellingen* is now a standalone annual event, keeping the show relevant year-round while embedding sustainability into the region's culture.

4. Canberra Royal student meat judging competition

The Canberra Royal added a fresh spin to traditional competitions by introducing a hands-on meat judging activity for students. Armed with four cuts of rump, participants had to rank them on yield, quality and market value. The activity is fun, fast-paced and highly educational - linking classroom learning to real industry expectations. It's a smart way to bring schools into the showgrounds and spotlight the science and skill behind meat production.

5. Bathurst goes digital

Bathurst Show made the switch to [ShowingScene](#), a digital platform that streamlines everything from competition entries and membership signups to vendor bookings and result management. It's dramatically reduced admin workload, eliminated paper trails, and made the whole process easier for both organisers and exhibitors. Going digital has modernised the way Bathurst runs its event - making it more efficient, accessible and future-ready, especially for a new generation of tech-savvy participants.

President's Message

I would like to commence this report by formally acknowledging the recent passing of Board Director Ian Henderson. Serving as the Group 4 delegate from 1985 to 2010 and Treasurer from 2000 to 2010, Ian made lasting contributions that were recognised with his appointment as a Life Member in 2010. He continued to serve on the board up until his passing. Our deepest condolences are extended to his wife, Ruth, and to their family.

It is also fitting to recognise the award recipients announced during the recent Celebrating AgShows

conference in Armidale. While the conference rightly celebrated the outstanding achievements of finalists and winners, it is equally important to acknowledge all individuals, shows, and events that received nominations. This year saw a record number of nominations, underscoring the breadth and depth of commitment within show communities across the state. I sincerely thank all shows that submitted nominations and commend their continued dedication to recognising and promoting excellence within the show movement.

Many of our shows this year have encountered significant adversity due to challenging weather conditions. Persistent rainfall across the north and coastal regions has disrupted showgrounds and events, while the west and south have endured prolonged dry spells. In May, the Taree Showground suffered severe damage as a result of flooding. In response, the RAS Foundation launched an End-of-Financial-Year fundraising campaign to support recovery efforts for the Taree Showground and the Taree High School Agricultural Plot. This campaign raised over \$60,000, with the RAS of NSW matching every dollar donated, resulting in a total of just over \$120,000 allocated to recovery initiatives.

The spring season began with Tullamore's centenary show, a significant milestone for that community. Later this month, the Penrith Show will mark 180 years of tradition. Congratulations are extended to these and to numerous other longstanding events commemorating significant anniversaries. Such milestones highlight the resilience and enduring spirit of our communities, and it is appropriate to acknowledge the unwavering commitment of the committees who organise these events. Special appreciation is also due to the volunteers whose efforts are invaluable, and to the sponsors whose financial contributions remain essential to the ongoing success of these shows.

Finally, I wish to formally recognise the exemplary dedication of our staff—Nicky, Katie, Sarah, and Lydny—whose commitment and professionalism continue to enhance the experience of our members.



Jill Chapman
President, AgShows NSW

What's Coming Up for Not-for Profits?

What's Coming Up for NFPs – [ATO Highlights](#)

- **31 Oct:** Deadline for income tax-exempt NFPs to lodge the self-review return.
- Charities must stay compliant with ACNC registration and annual reporting.
- **15 May:** Taxable NFPs must file a return or non-lodgement advice, depending on income.
- Ensure compliance with payroll and reporting obligations if you've got staff or GST registration.
- Use the ATO checklist and subscribe to the Not-for-Profit newsletter for timely updates.

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Could Your Show Society Partner with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program?

The Duke of Ed is a great way to bring young people into your Show Society, grow your volunteer base, and help local youth gain valuable skills and experience. Participants complete service, skills, and physical activities—and volunteering at your show can count towards their Award. It's a win-win: young people get recognised for their contribution, and your society gains fresh energy and ideas.

If you'd like to explore becoming a Duke of Ed partner, visit dukeofed.com.au or contact your local Award office.

Important Update for Incorporated Associations: New Financial Reporting Thresholds

On **27 June 2025**, the NSW Government increased the financial reporting thresholds that determine annual reporting requirements for incorporated associations.

What's Changed

- **Revenue threshold** has increased from **\$250,000** to **\$500,000**
- **Current assets threshold** has increased from **\$500,000** to **\$1 million**

These new thresholds apply **immediately**.

What This Means for Your Association

- Associations exceeding these thresholds are now classified as **Tier 1 (large)**.
- All others will be **Tier 2 (small)** by default.
- Associations that were previously Tier 1 but now fall within the new Tier 2 limits can save on:
 - The cost of **annual audits**
 - **Lodgement fees**

These changes better align NSW with other jurisdictions and reduce the regulatory burden for many small associations. The thresholds had remained unchanged since they were first set in 2010.

Insurance Alert: Unauthorised Foreign Insurers – Know the Risks

Member Societies are reminded to check that ride operators hold insurance from APRA - authorised insurers. Some are using unauthorised foreign insurers (UFIs) like Aquilino, which are not regulated by APRA and pose financial and reputational risks. Until formal policy guidance is finalised, all societies are urged to limit the use of UFI-backed operators and inform AgShows NSW if such arrangements are considered.

Risk Management Essentials – A Reminder for All Show Committees

Key Reminders to help Show Societies Stay Protected,
Safe and Compliant

Top 3 Tools at Your Disposal -

- [Activity List 2025-2026](#) – lists all activities carried out by Show Societies which are covered by public liability insurance under the program.
- Your risk assessment tools – essential for planning a safe event.
- The AgShows NSW Member Portal – packed with templates, checklists and tips.

Waivers Work - they have the expertise to manage legal proceedings and protect your Show Society's interests.

Who's Covered (and Who's Not) - your Liability policy protects the Show itself, but not individuals like contractors or stallholders—unless they fall into a few very specific exceptions (e.g. unpaid first aid volunteers, unpaid course designers, or hobbyists earning under \$20,000). Be clear with everyone about their coverage.

NSW = Highly Litigious - we're second only to California! Courts expect a high duty of care—so take your responsibilities seriously.

Vehicles Must Be Registered - gators, buggies, and tractors mixing with patrons must have at least conditional registration with Transport for NSW. It's affordable and protects you from policy exclusions.

Year-Round Coverage - your liability policy covers *all* AgShows NSW-sanctioned events, not just show day. Make sure you're managing risk year-round.

Volunteers Are Gold - they're covered for personal injury if under show direction. Sign-in/out procedures are a simple way to keep them safe and accounted for.

Declare Goods in Transit - if you're moving animals or equipment, make sure the full value is declared across all trips—both ways!

Watch for Cyber Threats - verify bank details and emails carefully before paying. Use known contacts and avoid shortcuts—cybercrime is on the rise.

Contracts & Indemnity Clauses - be cautious and don't sign contracts blindly. Use AgShows NSW approved templates for better protection.

Mistakes Happen—That's Why We Have Insurance - do your best, follow the rules, and take care—but remember that your insurance also includes protection for Directors and Office Bearers. Just don't take shortcuts.

Volunteer Sign-In Made Easy with QR Codes

Looking for a simple way to track volunteer hours and reduce paperwork? Try using QR code! Create a basic online form (e.g. Google Forms), link it to a QR code, and print it for volunteer sign-in stations. Volunteers scan, sign in/out with their phones, and you'll have a digital, timestamped log of hours worked perfectly for insurance, funding, and good recordkeeping.



Save the Date - CAS 2026

Mark your calendars! **Celebrating Ag Shows 2026** will be held **19–20 June 2026** in Canberra.

We're thrilled to announce that **123 Tix** is once again on board as event sponsor, helping us bring together the Ag Shows community for two days of connection, learning, and celebration.

Stay tuned for program details and ticket information – but for now, lock in the dates!

123 Tix has been a proud supporter of Celebrating Ag Shows since its inception. Thank you!

Trouble Logging in to fulfil your NLIS transfers?

If you're having trouble accessing your National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) account, it may be because you don't have an active NLIS SportEvent account.

To meet your NLIS requirements and record livestock movements, you must register for a SportEvent account via the NLIS website. [Register | NLIS - Australia's system for identification and traceability of livestock](#)

As part of our AgShows Project, DPIRD has streamlined the process to make it easier for show society members to gain access.

Applications can be approved either by:

- Supplying a valid show society email address, or
- Having your show secretary email confirmation of your membership.

REGISTER

BEFORE YOU START
Please be aware that new account requests may need to be validated by your State/Territory N LIS authority.
It could take up to 7 days for us to activate your account.

*Required

1 Agree to the N LIS Terms of Use

I acknowledge and agree that the use of the ERP and N LIS Database, the use and disclosure of the information in the Database, and the administration of the N LIS is subject to the N LIS Terms of Use.
I warrant that the below information provided by me is accurate.

I agree to the N LIS Terms of Use

2 Choose your account type

3 Provide your account details

4 Choose your password

REGISTER

CANCEL

Need further help?
Contact ISC Customer Service from Mondays to Fridays - 8am to 7pm AEST OR Saturdays to Sundays - 9am to 5pm AEST
support@integritysystems.com.au 1800 683 111



Tip:

Some SportEvent accounts were marked as “expired” when ISC introduced stronger password rules a few years ago.

If you didn’t update your password at that time, your account may have been deactivated.

The fix is simple: log in and reset your password to reactivate your account. Accounts don’t expire just because they’re only used once a year.

Use a shared or general show email address (e.g. secretary@yourshow.com.au) for your SportEvent account. This makes password recovery easier and speeds up approvals for new access.

If you’re still having difficulties, contact ISC directly for support.

New Training Module for Shows & Events Now Live

With NSW transitioning from visual ear tags to individual electronic identification (eID) for sheep and goats, your Show’s role in supporting this important step in the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) is more important than ever and is changing.

A new online training module tailored for agricultural shows and events is now available! This resource was written to help committees understand their responsibilities when it comes to NLIS.

Access the module here:

 [Shows & Events Training Module](#)

We encourage all show committees to review the module and share it with volunteers.

Conditions for the Use of Electric Fencing at Shows

If your Show Society or exhibitors are using electric fencing as temporary stabling, certain conditions and documentation must be followed to ensure safety and compliance.

Information available:

[Electric Fencing Information for Exhibitors](#)

[Electric Fencing Information for Show Societies](#)

If electric fencing is being used for temporary stabling, you must also complete:

[Local Risk Assessment - For Event Organiser to complete](#)

[Exhibitor Checklist - For owner to complete](#)

These documents outline safe installation, risk management, and responsibilities for both organisers and exhibitors. Please ensure they are distributed and completed before electric fencing is installed or used.

Free Legal Advice for NSW Community Organisations Returns

Great news – Not-for-profit Law has reopened its free legal advice service for eligible NSW-based community organisations.

After closing in 2022 due to funding cuts, short-term funding now allows their lawyers to provide support on governance, employment, workplace safety, privacy, cyber risk and more – at no cost – until June 2026.

ASA 2027 National Conference Heads to Canberra

Agricultural Shows Australia is thrilled to announce that the 2027 National Conference will be held in Canberra, marking the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canberra Show. Scheduled for 17–19 February, the conference will wrap up with a special invitation to attend the centenary Show on Saturday 20 February. Don't miss this unique opportunity to connect, learn, and celebrate one of Australia's most iconic regional events—now 33% bigger than last year!

How to Secure Grants, Sponsorships & Build Lasting Relationships

Grants and sponsorships aren't just about forms and proposals – they're about relationships. The most successful show committees focus on connection as much as application writing.

Start with connection – Before you apply, pick up the phone. Introduce your project, get feedback, and show you have clear plans, realistic outcomes, and sustainable impact. Always demonstrate value for money.

Winning is just the beginning – Invite funders to events, share updates, and keep them invested. If you miss out, ask for feedback and stay in touch – today's "no" could be tomorrow's "yes."

Treat sponsorship as partnership – Present professional proposals with clear benefits, personalise where possible, and deliver on promises. It's far easier to keep a sponsor than find a new one.

Track and measure – Keep detailed records of conversations and commitments. Collect attendance data, visitor demographics, and economic impact. Use surveys and ticketing systems to turn raw data into compelling impact stories.

Strong relationships, clear communication, and reliable follow-through are the real keys to securing support year after year.

You can:

- ✓ [Check if your organisation is eligible](#)
- 📖 [Access free online resources](#)
- 💡 [Join upcoming webinars](#)
- 👤 [Book customised training sessions](#)

Can AI Supercharge Your Show Secretary?

Your show secretary is probably juggling a mountain of paperwork, chasing sponsors, and keeping a hundred moving parts on track.

Now imagine an assistant who never gets tired, writes perfect letters, and remembers every detail from last year's show. That's the power AI can bring to your committee.

Essential AI Platforms

ChatGPT – The heavyweight for text-based tasks. Set up a dedicated "Agricultural Show Assistant" and brief it like a new team member. Give it your show's history, audience, and priorities. It can draft sponsor letters, create volunteer rosters, and prepare social media posts in your show's voice.

Claude.ai – Best for longer, more complex documents. Use it for detailed show guides, policy manuals, or marketing strategies. Its project feature stores knowledge about your show, so it gets smarter over time.

Google Gemini & ChatGPT's image tools – Great for visual marketing. Upload a basic poster and ask for variations for different audiences or mock up a banner for your main gate.

Handy Tools to Explore

ElevenLabs – Create professional voiceovers for announcements, promo videos, or audio guides – no more scrambling to find the perfect voice.

NotebookLM – Turn years of meeting minutes, budgets, and reports into a searchable knowledge base. Ask questions like "What were our gate takings in 2019?" or "Summarise this year's planning discussions for a podcast."

AI won't replace your show secretary – but a secretary who uses AI will run circles around one who doesn't.

Social Media for AgShows: Pick Your Platform & Embrace Imperfection

Your show doesn't just happen at the grounds – it lives online year-round. But you don't need to be on every platform, and you certainly don't need to be perfect.

Pick your platform:

Facebook – Community noticeboard for updates, local spotlights, and polls.

Instagram – Visual highlight reel with polished photos, behind-the-scenes stories, and show hashtags.

Twitter/X – Real-time results, weather updates, and fun polls.

TikTok – Entertainment hub with day-in-the-life videos and trending challenges.

Embrace imperfection:

Authenticity beats polish in 2025. Your audience wants real, consistent, relatable content – even if the photo's a little blurry. Focus on one or two platforms and show the genuine spirit of your show.

Stay Alert – Watch Out for Social Engineering Emails

Cyber criminals are becoming smarter in the way they try to trick us. One common tactic is called Social Engineering.

What is it?

Unlike Spoofing emails (which copy a real email address), Social Engineering emails use bits of publicly available information — such as names, events, or phone numbers — to look authentic.

Because of this, they can sometimes get past normal security checks.

How to Spot Them?

Look for warning signs, such as the **pink banner at the top of the email** telling you it may not be genuine.

Does the tone or request feel unusual? Is the sender asking for sensitive details, money, or urgent action?

What You Should Do

- **Pause before you click or reply.**
- **Check carefully** if anything feels out of place.
- **When in doubt — don't respond.** Contact IT support to confirm whether the email is legitimate.

 **Remember:** Staying alert and double-checking suspicious emails is the best defence.

Have You Submitted Your 2024 Show Statistics?

If your Show Society hasn't yet submitted the statistical information from your 2024 Show, we'd really appreciate your help. Please email the details to Sarah McGregor at sarah.mcgregor@ascofnsw.org.au. Thank you!

New Resources Available for Member Organisations

AgShows NSW has released three new documents to support members in the effective conduct of their events. These resources can be found on our website under [General Information](#)

[Code of Conduct](#)

[General Regulations](#)

[Conditions of Entry to Showgrounds](#)

These documents have been developed to help strengthen **compliance, safety, and participant behaviour** at shows and events.

◆ Please note they are **advisory, not mandatory**, and are designed to complement your existing practices. They may also be used alongside the “**Conditions of Entry to Showgrounds**” signage previously provided to all member organisations.

We encourage you to review and adapt these resources to suit the needs of your show society.

New NSW Tobacco Laws – from 1 July 2025

What's changed: NSW has introduced **mandatory licensing** for all vendors of tobacco and **non-tobacco smoking products** (including e-cigarettes, vapes, and accessories). Enforcement begins **October 2025**.

Who this affects: Any member society, stallholder, contractor, or vendor selling tobacco or non-tobacco smoking products at Show events.

Implications for Shows:

- Vendors must hold a valid licence before selling these products on Showgrounds.
- Show Societies should confirm that all relevant vendors are licensed before allowing them to trade.
- Failure to comply could result in fines for vendors, and potential reputational risk for the Show.

Timeline:

- **Now → September 2025:** Inform vendors of the new requirement and verify licence status.
- **From October 2025:** Enforcement begins — unlicensed sales will not be permitted.

Are You a Committee Leader? Lessons You Can't Ignore

Leading a committee is about more than running meetings – it's about guiding, supporting and shaping something bigger than yourself.

Committees bring together people with different skills and perspectives to work towards a shared goal, but success relies on good leadership.

Key lessons include knowing your role, following the rules, and building a positive culture. Strong leaders avoid pitfalls like cliques and burnout, understand what motivates members, and keep the group size workable. They attract and retain members by offering purpose, training, and a welcoming environment.

Financial governance and risk management are everyone's responsibility, not just the treasurers. Effective chairs lead with clarity and emotional intelligence, set expectations, address behaviour

issues, and ensure proper planning, documentation and evaluation.

With the right approach, leading a committee isn't just a responsibility – it's an opportunity to drive real change.

Member Q&As

We receive a variety of interesting and important questions from our members, so we thought we'd share some queries over the past months.

Q: What do I need to do to apply for an RAS Ag Shows Medal?

Follow the requirements on the RAS website <https://www.rasnsw.com.au/agshows-awards/>

Q. Does Not-for-profit mean you can't make a profit?

A: NFP organisations can and should make a profit, if they want to remain sustainable. The key distinction is that profits must be used to further the organisation's purpose, rather than being distributed to members. It may be more accurate to describe NFPs as being "not-for-the-profit of members". Whether it's reinvesting in programs, staff, or services, surplus funds are a vital part of a healthy NFP.

Q. Do Not-for-profits pay income tax?

A: Some NFPs are indeed income tax-exempt, but not all. There are two pathways to qualify for income tax exemption:

- Meet the requirements to self-assess as income tax exempt under one of the eight categories, or
- be a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

NFPs that don't meet the above requirements may be taxable.

Q. Does being a charity mean we have Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status?

While most DGRs are required to be a registered charity, not every charity is a DGR. DGR status allows an organisation to receive tax-deductible donations which is a powerful fundraising advantage. However, only certain types of charities, usually those with specific purposes or

that operate an eligible fund are eligible. The ACNC is responsible for registering organisations as charities, and the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is responsible for endorsing organisations as DGRs.

The tax and legal rules for not-for-profits can be complex, and clarity around profit, tax, or DGR status relies on clear and compliant constitutions. A well-drafted constitution is key to ensuring your organisation remains eligible for tax concessions and aligned with its true purpose.

Q. How do we set up a QR code?

Decide what the QR code will link to (website, form, program, tickets).

Copy the link or upload the file online.

Use a free QR code generator (e.g. qr-code-generator.com).

Paste your link, generate the code, and **download** it.

Test it with your phone, then **print or share** it where needed.

Q. When does a Group need to have insurance for its activities?

A: All activities conducted under the auspices of the Group legal entity require insurance. It's not the location that matters, but who is conducting the activity. If a Group is involved in any way, it should have insurance. Risks may be low but legal action can involve all entities connected.

Q. Do Groups run Group Finals?

A: Groups are responsible for their Group Finals. While a Group may allocate a member Show to host the event, this is done on behalf of the Group. The Group remains accountable for ensuring the competition is conducted appropriately and in line with AgShows NSW requirements.

What is the Purpose of Agricultural Shows?

Agricultural shows have been part of Australia's story for more than 200 years, with the first held in Hobart in 1822 to celebrate and encourage farming in the new colony. While showcasing the best of regional Australia remains at their heart, today's shows have evolved into much more.

Modern shows are as much about tourism, education, entertainment and community pride as

they are about livestock and produce. They connect people from the bush and the city, young and old, offering a uniquely regional experience that links visitors to the land, local culture, and each other.

With such broad appeal, shows need to cater for all audiences while also delivering benefits to their host communities. This means balancing agricultural traditions with fresh ideas and vibrant attractions. Because while farming may not be front-of-mind for everyone, it remains the foundation of our cities – and a great show can remind us of that, while giving everyone a reason to celebrate.

Free webinars: Not-for-Profit Finance Week (September)

AgShows NSW is pleased to share **free training** from the Institute of Community Directors Australia as part of **Not-for-Profit Finance Week** this September. It's a week dedicated to building the financial skills and confidence of community organisations—perfect for **treasurers, presidents, secretaries and committee members** across our Shows. [Community Directors Australia](#)

Across the week, ICDA is hosting a series of **information-packed webinars (at no cost)** designed to strengthen your financial oversight and sustainability. Sessions focus on practical skills for boards and committees—think understanding financial papers, asking the right questions, and staying across the latest reporting updates. [Community Directors Australia+2](#)
[Community Directors Australia+2](#)

Why attend?

- Boost your board's financial literacy and decision-making
- Stay up to date on end-of-year reporting requirements
- Pick up tools you can use immediately in your Show's operations [Community Directors Australia+1](#)

Cost: Free

When: September (multiple webinars across the week) [Community Directors Australia](#)

How to register: Reserve your place via the Community Directors website (limited spots). [Community Directors Australia](#)

If your committee can only make one professional-development commitment this spring, make it Finance Week—**short, practical sessions** designed for busy volunteers that deliver a big impact for your Show. [Community Directors Australia](#)

Share this with your Show’s executive and finance sub-committee so everyone can register.

Celebrating Ag Shows 2025 – What a Success!

Thank you to everyone who made CAS25 such a vibrant, inspiring, and memorable celebration of our Show movement. Together, we are building a stronger future for Agricultural Shows across NSW.

A special thankyou to the Armidale and New England Show Society Inc and Group 13, the Armidale Ex Servies Club and the Armidale Tourist Centre for their support and enthusiasm.

- ✓ 150+ at Welcome Drinks
- ✓ 200 at the Gala Dinner & Awards Night
- ✓ 180+ at the Conference
- ✓ 65 Show Societies represented
- ✓ 10 buzzing Yarn Circles
- ✓ A record 16 in the Announcers Academy

A huge congratulations to our award winners –

- 🏆 **Rising Star Award** – Rebecca O’Brien (Morisset Lake Macquarie)
- 🏆 **Living Legend Award** – Alex & Joyce Brain (Finley)
- 🏆 **Innovation (Event Project)** – Coonamble
- 🏆 **Innovation (Technology)** – Dubbo
- 🏆 **Resilience Award** – Gunning
- 🏆 **President’s Award** – Andrea Roth
- 🏆 **Geoff Mayo Shield** – Group 11

You told us what made the event special – the energy in the room, the chance to connect with others, and the valuable learning opportunities.

You also shared ideas for making it even better – more hands-on workshops, greater inclusion of smaller Shows, and enhanced digital interactivity. We’re already working on weaving these improvements into future events to make your experience even richer.

📅 Next stop: **Canberra – 19 -20 June 2026!**

📷 Relive the magic: [Celebrating AgShows 2025 Photo Gallery](#)

📝 Have your say: [Celebrating AgShows 2025 Feedback Survey](#)

Young Judges Workshop in Dubbo

On the 16 and 17 August in Dubbo our NSW National Finals Team came together for an intensive Young Judges training camp ahead of their upcoming National Competition. The weekend gave competitors the chance to refine their skills, practice their microphone technique, and build connections with their fellow team members.

We were fortunate to have Dugald Saunders (Member for Dubbo) join us for a special workshop, sharing his expertise in public speaking and microphone skills from his time on radio. This session was invaluable in preparing the team to confidently compare and validate their placings under pressure.



The weekend was also a special milestone as competitors received their official National uniforms. With team spirit high, they are now ready to proudly represent NSW at the Royal Adelaide Show in the first week of September.



Meet the 2025 NSW National Finals Team

- **Beef Cattle Paraders** – Jack Smyth
- **Beef Cattle Young Judges** – Jack Taylor
- **Dairy Cattle Paraders** – Lilly Eagles
- **Dairy Cattle Young Judges** – Rhylan Russell
- **Grain Young Judges** – Heather Walker
- **Meat Breeds Sheep Young Judges** – Miranda McGuifficke
- **Merino Fleece Young Judges** – Miranda McGuifficke
- **Merino Sheep Young Judges** – Luke Meredith
- **Poultry Young Judges** – Bryson Lee
- **Rural Ambassador** – Grace Collins

We congratulate all team members on their selection and preparation and wish them every success as they represent NSW at the National Finals.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and join us in cheering them on in Adelaide!



Rain Protection – Don't Miss Out!

If your Show wants Rain Protection cover, remember:

- Apply at least 14 days before your Show – late forms can't be accepted.

 <https://www.agshowsnsw.org.au/members>

2026 RAS Rural Achiever Award – Applications now open

The RAS Rural Achiever Competition recognises outstanding young leaders aged 20–30 who are making a real difference in their communities, show societies, and across Australian agriculture.

As part of the program, participants gain invaluable networking opportunities at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, while further developing their leadership skills and showcasing the work they're doing in country NSW. Beyond the Show, Achievers may represent NSW at the National Rural Ambassador Award and take part in an exchange program with the Royal Adelaide Show.

This prestigious award not only celebrates the passion and hard work of young leaders but also inspires the next generation to continue driving rural Australia forward.

Applications close 29 August 2025



Upcoming Shows

August Shows

Condobolin Show	22-23
Ganmain Show	23
Parkes Show	25-27
Narromine Show	29-30
Barellan Show	30
Lake Cargelligo Show	30
Penrith Show	30-31
Wentworth Show	30-31



Winning crops don't just happen.

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They take planning, skill, sound advice,
and sometimes a little good luck.

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