

## President's Report 05.06.2019

Presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Circular Head Agricultural Society Inc. at the Stanley Recreation Ground complex, Stanley.

It is with pleasure that I present my fourth President's report for the Circular Head Agricultural Show Society for 2018-19.

Due to prior family commitments, I was not able to attend the actual Show Day. Thank you to Eddy as Senior Vice President for filling the void. By all accounts the event was very successful helped by nice weather which is shown in the marginal increase in gate takings and car parking revenue from the previous year.

There were positives and negatives with infrastructure available for the event. The new stockyards, provided by funding from the State Liberal Government, for the trade competition were finished in November and were considered a huge success, especially safety wise. There were also 100 volunteer hours contributed to this project and thanks must go to Milton, John and their sub-committee, particularly Robert Scott, for their efforts to ensure this project was finished within budget.

Unfortunately the new multipurpose building did not come to fruition with the old exhibition hall building still standing but not usable. It was therefore decided to utilise the main building for competition exhibits and displays foregoing the Collectors' Corner for this year as well as the luncheon area with the usual caterers pulling out due to lack of manpower. As well as utilising the tennis court area for the stage, entertainment, shelter marquees and other stall holders, the layout worked well.

A decision was made not to host an annual dinner for this year. Combining with the two Lions Clubs, Rocky Cape and Smithton, a major raffle was again held a few months prior to the day with approximately \$5,000 worth of prizes on offer with thanks to very generous donors.

A new take on ***Know Your Meat Cuts*** from last year was a showcase of local and Tassie produce under ***Graze the Region*** banner. Huge gratitude goes to Josh Perry of Perry's Quality Meats who organises the day with the producers and then showcases their products.

Capital works this year included

- repairs to the beef pens (trade cattle)
- an additional door on the storage area making access much easier
- an electrical outlet at the tennis court area
- the construction of trolleys for storage of plastic tables thus making it easier to transport

Four new glass cabinet display cabinets were purchased for perishables to replace the old display cabinet; a grant of \$2,000 was received from Taswater to offset this cost. Shelving was also purchased ex a hardware store to display other competition items. The displays looked magnificent and while the cooking entries may have been down slightly the other areas more than made up for it. The entry fee was increased this year to \$1 from 75c. This area is a credit

to Cheryl, Pam and their helpers and deserves the accolades it receives. A big thank you to the local schools with their wonderful entries from all age groups.

It was fitting with the new stockyards that the show was opened by Peter Greenham Jnr with Jeremy Rockliff, Deputy Premier, speaking on behalf of the State Government. The Miss Showgirl and boy competition continues to be very popular and thank you to the sponsors of this area and to Jenny Newman for organising.

It is pleasing that sponsorship was at a record level with Dairy Australia coming on board as a Platinum sponsor. Sponsorship covers the main expenses of ribbons/sashes/trophies, prizemoney and costs associated with obtaining judges, both mainland and State based. As a Society we value tremendously all sponsors from Bronze to Platinum and our gratitude goes out to them all.

Thank you to all stewards who fulfil their role so diligently and ensure their area is run professionally and competently.

The 36<sup>th</sup> Greenham's Trade and Carcase competition saw the introduction of 3 cattle per entry in two classes this year to match the Beef Australia format and pleasingly there were 63 entries. On a sadder note, two long term exhibitors in this area passed away recently, namely Rex Frankcombe and Ian Wright. They will be sorely missed from this competition.

The Dairy and Beef entries were on a par to last year with the State Young Dairy Judges final being held again this year. It was good to welcome Alison and Craig with their Craggy Highland cattle for the first time and also Tim and Stacy from Quamby Bluff with their display of Santa Gertrudis cattle. The Grand parade saw a vast improvement of participants on previous years and was watched by a good number of people.

Even though the number of equestrian entries was well down in the Light Horse Section, the Jumping Events (A2) were well patronised and continued to the end of day. Thanks must also go to Berris and Steven Atkins for their continued involvement in this area over many years.

Trade space was down marginally which is always a challenge but it was good to welcome a Drone Operator for the first time and stall holders involved with ***Graze the Region***, namely ***Organic Milk Group*** and ***Pure and Purple Garlic***. Thanks to Ian and Heath for their endeavours in this area. The Liquor Booth so professionally managed by Brendan Burke was back at the original location this year and seemed to work well.

The Animal Nursery was again very competently organised by the Radford family who put a huge amount of effort in to providing a memorable experience for all who visit. The warm weather did however cause some concern in this confined space which will need to be looked at for this year.

Even though there was another chopping event in the south of the state, the chopping was well patronised and a good day was had by all. For the first time in many years, a two shoe tree felling competition was held. This event could not happen without all the major sponsors who contribute in various ways.

Along with the usual attractions, Gomez and Friends was welcomed for the first time along with mascots to entertain the younger children and a Living Statue added to the atmosphere. Again thank you to Ritchie and his working bullocks for always providing a spectacle.

I know it is said every year but the volunteers who contribute in so many ways and help out prior to, on the day, and after the event, are the backbone of the show. Special thanks to all gatekeepers, Marie Bruce for the many hours writing out prize cards and again the help from Don Bugg, Eric Walters and Brian Stokes during the week leading up to the event was invaluable. Thanks must also go to Graham Scott for fulfilling the PA task on the day which was reminiscent of years gone by.

On behalf of the Society I would like to thank all volunteers, sponsors, exhibitors, participants and personally I would like to thank the dedicated committee members whose support and commitment is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Vice Presidents, Eddy and Damien who also fulfils the Groundsman role and ensures the ground and surrounds are in excellent condition. It is an ongoing cost challenge remediating the ground after the event. We are also indebted to Damien for his workmanship in constructing the two table trolleys.

It needs to be remembered that the Circular Head Show also provides an outlet, and in many instances funds, for many organisations and Clubs – the local Lions Clubs and Rotary Club; the Forest-Stanley Football Club; SES; NW Bird Club and Bonsai Society; the Veterans Car Club; the Historical Machinery Club to name a few. Thanks also goes to the local Scouts group who helped out with the toilets all day taking the pressure off committee members.

Milton and Gaylene once again provided a magnificent venue for the committee's social outing after the show which was enjoyed by those who attended.

It is with optimism we can look forward to the 2019 show (30<sup>th</sup> Nov) and beyond. From now on the Show will be held on the last Saturday in November due to the discontinuation of the Devonport Show and approval by Tas Agricultural Shows. A Show Development Grant from the State Liberal Government will allow new crowd barriers and portable stockyards to be built which will be a huge benefit to the Society and welfare of the volunteers. A Volunteer Grant has also been received which will allow the construction of trailers to store the outdoor tables, again making handling easier. Along with the new multipurpose building and the prospect of the newly formed Circular Head Rural Youth group being a part of the Show, the next few months should be an exciting time.

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