

## **President's Report 2021-22**

Presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Circular Head Agricultural Society Inc. on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 at the Stanley Recreation Ground complex, Stanley.

It is with pleasure that I present my seventh President's report. As a result of the Covid-19 world wide virus pandemic, the 2021 Show was sadly cancelled for the second consecutive year with very few events held anywhere during the year. This is now the fifth time that the event has been cancelled since the inaugural show in 1907.

However, it was again decided to go ahead with the major raffle and proceeds were to be split three ways but this year between the Show Society, the Rocky Cape Lions Club and the newly resurrected Smithton Saints Football Club. Sponsors were obtained for 25 prizes and the Smithton Community Bank sponsored half the printing of the tickets which were sold for \$5 each for the first time. A total of \$13,787.33 was raised with each organisation receiving \$5,023.28 and over five years a total of \$50,495.38 has been raised. This is a mammoth effort with thanks to all sponsors, in particular, Temma Farm and Josh Perry (Perry's Quality Meats), ticket sellers and to the public who show their support.

The Society is still holding \$2,306 in funds that are dedicated to the proposed Community Shed which was half share in the sale of a beast donated by Les and Troy Porteus.

Both the State and Federal Governments have been very supportive of Show Societies that have had to cancel events. As a result of Federal Government funding, the Society has received \$6,386.15 in this financial year to cover ongoing running costs and \$9,000.00 that will show in the financial year 2022-23. Funding from the State Government Agricultural Show Development Grants Program for \$4,960 was provided which went towards Covid related items including sanitiser stands, signage and crowd barriers.

Funding was also received to raise and renew the beef shed roof. The Federal Liberal Government provided \$11,000 through Stronger Communities Programme Round 6 and the State Liberal Government contributed \$25,000. Unfortunately by the end of this financial year, the project has not been finalised despite the Society holding working bees to remove the roof in preparation for the new roof. Initially, the Council were concerned about depreciation on this asset and when the materials were finally ordered, there was to be a 2 month waiting period. At the end of this financial year, materials had still not arrived which has placed the Society under duress re the grant deed deadlines. The Show Society was also successful in obtaining \$132,000 from the State Government in order to refurbish the existing toilet block. The Circular Head Council have agreed to handle the funding and project manage this project in the 2023-24 financial year which is a good outcome for the community.

It was pleasing that the 39<sup>th</sup> Greenham Trade and Export Cattle (Carcase Only) Competition, was able to go ahead with thanks to sponsors of this event who provided approximately \$8,000 worth of prizes. There were 75 entries with 48 yearling steers and heifers and 27 heavy prime beef steers. Thanks again to Greenham Tasmania for sponsoring this prestigious event.

There have been a number of working bees held during the year with the following being completed:

- Trees on the Golf Club boundary near the stockyards were cut back and chipped.
- Rabbit proofing was carried out at the back of the stables.
- The old piggery was demolished with most of the materials being recycled. The ground in the immediate vicinity has been remediated.
- The cladding on the front of the animal nursery was removed and replaced with iron from the old piggery.
- The cladding at the rear of the animal nursery and along to and including the cattle wash area at the dairy pavilion was removed and replaced with iron from the old piggery.
- The iron was removed from the roof of the stud beef and trade cattle sheds and the gable removed from the latter shed in readiness for the new roof.

In excess of 400 volunteer man hours and 40 hours of machinery use has been recorded for these working bees. It is a credit to the Society members and other community volunteers who have contributed to these maintenance projects that have been achieved despite not holding a show.

Thank you to Milton and Gaylene for again holding a barbecue at “Milton’s Hilton” which was a welcome social evening where the raffle proceeds were distributed to the other organisations. It was great to be able to present Eddy Schuurin with a Certificate of Merit for all of his service and contributions to the Society and also a pleasant surprise to be recipient of Life Membership, presented to me by another Life Member, Milton de Jonge.

We look forward to again organising and holding the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Show on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

A.E. (Tony) Hine  
22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2022