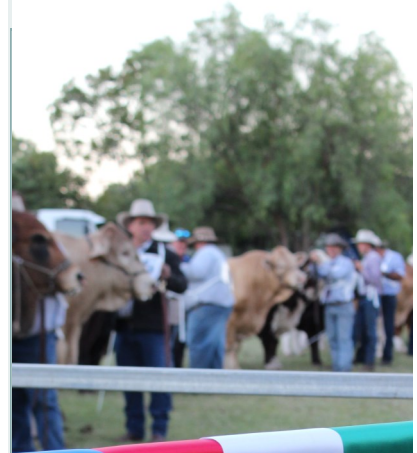




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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

It's that time of year again when the Taroom Show Society is busy planning and organising for our annual show on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th May. Our newsletter idea was so well received last year that we decided to run the publication again. In the coming months we will be announcing everything from entertainment, new attractions and how everyone can be involved.

Unfortunately Beef Australia clashes with our show this year, however the committee is still working hard to bring you new attractions, plus all the traditional events and competitions. Our show has been running for 110 years through droughts, floods and depressions. This is why I encourage everyone in the local community to support your local show, whether it is as a spectator, competitor or exhibitor.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a 2015 membership form. Taroom Show members receive free entry to the show, member only benefits during the event and entry into the huge Members Only Draw.

Finally, the Taroom Show Society is always open to new ideas and comments. Please feel free to contact us via phone or email and we'll do our best to accommodate your request.

*Shane Williams*  
Taroom Show Society president

## STAY UP TO DATE WITH US ONLINE

To keep up to date with all the latest Taroom Show news, visit our new website at [www.taroomshow.com.au](http://www.taroomshow.com.au). The Taroom Show website has all the information you need, including schedules, entertainment, membership forms and Miss Showgirl and Rural Ambassador information. There are past newsletters and pictures from previous shows as well.

You can also like the Taroom Show Facebook page for instant updates.

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**DATE CLAIMER: MISS SHOWGIRL LADIES LUNCHEON – APRIL 18. MORE INFO TO COME**



## PUPPET SHOW RETURNS FOR KIDS

The Taroom Show Society has taken on board the feedback gathered from survey results regarding children's entertainment, and we are pleased to announce that Professor Wallace's puppets will be back again at the 2015 Taroom Show .

Professor Wallace is a show favourite amongst many local children and even a few adults. The show features

traditional wooden hand puppets, marionettes and modern puppets.

The performances will be regularly throughout the two days of the show and includes audience interaction, which the children love.

Professor Wallace is one of the oldest puppets shows in Australia, and these days he travels to shows and festivals throughout four states.

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### PAVILION THEME ANNOUNCED

The Taroom Show Society Ladies Committee has announced ‘Dawson River Dreaming’ as the new theme for this year’s show challenge. It follows the success of last year’s inaugural show challenge event, which saw 30 pieces entered in the ‘Something Beginning With T’ section.

Entries for the show challenge can be made from any craft or material, and can be of any medium and size within reason. The Ladies Committee has also introduced a feature section, which this year will be sections E, F and G in the catalogue. The 2015 category will be ‘tea cosy’, and similar to the show challenge entries can be made from any craft (example wool or fabric).

\*Contact Anna Radel on (07) 4627 0389 or 0427 270 312.

### WELSH SECTION WELCOMES NEW SPONSOR

The Welsh pony section will welcome Del Croft as a new sponsor to this year’s program.

Del and her family moved from Wales to Taroom two years ago, and she said sponsoring a class in the Welsh section seemed only fitting given her background.

“I thought a good way for me to increase my support for the local show was to sponsor a class, and of course I jumped at the chance to sponsor something in the Welsh section,” Mrs Croft said.

“Without the local people and business and their support, the community wouldn’t have a show.”

People have the option to sponsor a class like Mrs Croft, and it’s as easy as filling out a section at the bottom of your membership form.

For as little as \$20, people have the option of sponsoring something in the cooking, art and craft, produce or horse sections.

Cheques can be made payable to the Taroom Show Society and posted to The Secretary, PO Box 65, Taroom Q 4420. Alternatively you can direct debit using BSB 034 218 and account number 890013. Please use S/SHIP [your name] as the reference.



*Above, bottom right: The new ceiling in the Phipps Pavilion  
Top right: Volunteers lend a hand to help with the renovations*

## BRAND NEW LOOK FOR RESTORED PHIPPS PAVILION

Thanks to generous funds from the Banana Shire Council and the Taroom Show Society, the Phipps Pavilion is looking brand new again after recent refurbishments.

Local builder Kev Clarris carried out the work in January with help from show society and campdraft members Malcolm McIntyre, Roderick Hay, Russel Hawkins, Josh Hawton, Neil Archer, Shane Williams, and Hugh and Jess Oliver.

A new ceiling was installed which covers the insulation, as well as new lights. President Shane Williams said the ceiling will stop pests destroying the insulation and will also stop them from accessing the bar and kitchen area.

“Gutters, downpipes and lights were also replaced from the Council’s maintenance budget. The next item on the agenda is to paint the posts,” Mr Williams said.

“The renovations now make the building a showpiece, and we look forward to holding many formal functions there. All the clubs in Taroom will benefit from these improvements at the Taroom Sporting Complex. Thanks must go the Banana Shire Council for their ongoing support.”

The Taroom Sporting Complex Improvement Committee consists of individuals from the campdraft, pony club, rodeo and show committees, who work together to improve the facilities for everyone’s benefit.

Another completed project was the installation of a new light over the spent prime cattle yards, which will first and foremost improve the safety of loading cattle.

Mr Williams said special mention must go to Snow Green and Ian Williams who sourced the pole and welded a base for the lights, as well as Kenny Green who cemented the pole.

### BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

The Taroom Show Society would like to invite everyone in the community to become a financial member in 2015.

The membership package currently being offered entitles members and their family free entry to the show, recognition in the show schedule, voting rights at meetings and the AGM, and entry into the Members Only Draw on the Tuesday afternoon of the show.

Families are \$35 including 2 adults and 2 school aged children, singles are \$20 and pensioners/children are \$10.

The Members Only Draw was a great success in 2014 and will feature again this year. The draw will give members an opportunity to win vouchers from local Taroom businesses.

President Shane Williams said the majority of local businesses were keen to come on board.

“Membership is an excellent way to support the show society and the community,” Mr Williams said.

“Without the support from the community and its businesses, we would not be able to provide such a successful and enjoyable show.”

## MEET THE 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the new executive committee, who were voted in at the last AGM. These hard working people help to organise every part of the show imaginable, but we wanted to know what their favourite part of the event actually was. This is what they had to say...

**Shane Williams, president:** What I like most about the show is the friendly atmosphere, everyone enjoying themselves, and the dogem cars.

**Don Lethbridge, vice president:** I love catching up with all the people at the Cattleman’s Bar. The hype, vibe and banter around the bar at closing time on Monday and while the Super Bull is running is what makes our show and people special. I also really like the photo section in the ladies pavilion.

**Ben Adams, second vice president:** My favourite part is catching up with people at the Cattleman’s Bar! I enjoy listening to everyone’s comments about the Super Bull and Junior Bull Challenge competitions, and all the positive feedback.

**Kim Hay, treasurer:** Monday morning and the instant familiarity upon arrival- the announcer, horses whinnying, cattle bellowing, a jump rail falling, the urgency in a locals voice who's worried their pavilion entry won't make it on time, the excitement in the faces of children, competitors, exhibitors. Combine that with the adrenalin rush of us as executives making sure we are prepared for the two days ahead of us...its exhilarating!

**Jess Oliver, secretary:** The Taroom Show is a great place to catch up with everyone. I also enjoy seeing the pavilion entries and the fireworks.



*The 2015 executive committee: Don Lethbridge, Jess Oliver, Kim Hay and Shane Williams. Absent is Ben Adams.*