

TAROOM SHOW SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Countdown to the 2014 Taroom Show is on!

Hello and welcome to the first edition of the Taroom Show newsletter. This monthly publication has been compiled by the Show Society to give Taroom and Wandoan residents a glimpse of what to expect at this year's show. We hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter and it inspires you to be a part of your local show.

On May 5-6, the Taroom Show will celebrate 109 years of competition, entertainment and enjoyment. Over the past few months, the Show Society has been busy planning and organising in the lead up to the show. We intend to showcase all of your favourite events and activities plus some new features which we are sure you will enjoy.

In this month's newsletter, we are excited to announce the night time entertainment, being the Lumberjack Show. This act is sure to amaze with death-defying acts and a hint of comedy. We have also purchased some grandstands for the stud cattle judging, and there's a story to let everyone know what is happening in the farm and produce section. We are also encouraging everyone to become a member of the Show Society. Not only do you receive free entry to the show, but you also go into the Members Only Draw. Finally, the Show Society is always open to new ideas or comments. Please feel free to contact us either by phone or email and we'll do our best to accommodate your request.



Shane Williams, president of the Taroom Show Society

Meet the 2014 Taroom Show Society executive committee



BEN ADAMS
Vice president



DON LETHBRIDGE
Second vice president



KIM HAY
Treasurer



TENNILLE LACEY
Secretary



- *Members Only Draw- how you can get involved*
- *Feature entertainment- the Lumberjack Show*
- *Farm and garden produce competitions*

Membership benefits

The Taroom Show Society would like to invite everyone in the community to become a financial member in 2014.

The 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, discounts to Show Society functions, and a Members Only Draw on the Tuesday night of the show.

A new and innovative concept, the Members Only 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 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.”

*Please find a membership form enclosed in this newsletter.



Grandstands have arrived

Visitors to this year's show will be able to watch the many competitions and entertainment on offer comfortably thanks to the arrival of four new grandstands.

Past president Snow Green said you can never have enough seats at any function; however the new grandstands (pictured below) will go a long way to help.

“The grandstands for the Taroom showgrounds have come from the old rodeo grounds, Black River Stadium, in Townsville,” Mr Green said.

“We had them landed here pretty cheap considering the price of a new grandstand. We have a little bit of work to do on them, but they'll be ready to go by show time.”

The grandstands are six tiered, and six metres long. The Show Society bought three of the grandstands, and will put two around the stud cattle judging arena. The fourth grandstand was purchased by the Rodeo Club.



New entertainment- the Lumberjack Show

Headlining this year's entertainment will be the Lumberjack Show- a tale of two woodcutters combined with humour and aerial acrobatics.

The characters test their skills of tree climbing, log rolling, and chainsaw carving all in an attempt to prove who the better of the two is. Add a bit of comedy and some spectacular aerial stunts, and you have a show that will please a crowd of any age.

The show has been operating between Australia, Canada, and New Zealand for 10 years. The Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies (QCAS) says the Lumberjack Show is a "highly action packed, humorous and interactive entertainment show that caters for all demographics."



Profile: Taroom community members

The Taroom Show Society asked six members of the community what they love about the Taroom Show. This is what they had to say...

Emily Speed

2013 South West Showgirl state finalist

"I love catching up with a diverse group of Taroom locals, and the evening entertainment"



Lachlan Graham

Lachlan Graham
Mobile Mechanical Service

"I enjoy catching up with everyone. It's great to see all the exhibits on display, and I look forward to the side show ally with the kids. Most of all I love eating strawberries, ice-cream and cream while watching the fireworks"



Mick Souvlis

IGA Taroom

"I love looking through the pavilions- it would be good to have a poultry pavilion"



Joanne Wilson

Landmark Taroom

"I love all the night time entertainment, especially the fantastic fireworks"



Trish Atkins

Spion- Kop, Taroom

"The Taroom Show is always such a great way to catch up with people, and it also gives the community an opportunity to show off the local talent"



Sheree Adcock

Taroom Newsagency

"I love the photography section, the Lions Chips van and the fashion parade. The show also provides a great variety of entertainment for the kids"



Farm and garden produce section

Steward of the produce section Errol Otto says now is the time to plant if you want to enter this year's farm and produce section.

"It's usually too late for most summer crops, and too early for winter crops, however this year there is still plenty of time to plant summer crops given the season we're having," Mr Otto said.

With numerous classes available, Mr Otto said what you can enter depends entirely on what you have in your garden at show time.

"We do encourage young people to get involved, and it's been noted that there has been a strong influence of the next generation coming through. Everyone is very welcome in this section, and we would love to hear of any ideas to help improve it."

Space application

Preparation has well and truly begun for the 2014 Taroom Show, with space for stall holders filling fast.

Show secretary Tennille Lacey says anyone wishing to submit a form should email her or visit www.taroomshowsociety.com

"Please ensure that your public liability number is on the form, and that a copy of your insurance is included to enable a successful space application," Miss Lacey said.

*Applications close March 28.

Prime and store cattle comp

It's that time again to draft your cattle, and pick out a champion for the Taroom Show Society's commercial cattle competition. It's easy to get involved and do your part to enhance an already great show with a fantastic prime and store section. A broad range of classes will cater for all livestock, and this year's program will see a great array of trophies and cash up for grabs. Stay tuned for more details, however if you would like more information in the meantime please call Randall Ziesemer or Luke Hopkins.

Donations welcome

If you would like to donate a trophy or prize money to an event at the 2014 Taroom Show, please contact secretary Tennille Lacey on the details below.

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Farm and garden produce competitions

Some classes include:

Potatoes, sweet potatoes, pumpkins, marrows, zucchini, squash, melons, eschallots, onions, beans, carrots, beetroot, cabbage, lettuce, capsicum, cauliflower, tomatoes, chillies, cucumbers, chokos, herbs, rosellas, passionfruit, citrus, tropical fruit, nuts, eggs, homemade butter plus more

For a detailed list of classes, please refer to the 2014 Taroom Show scheduled



Miss Showgirl competition

Date claimer

Showgirl Ladies Luncheon
April 5th

Contact Christie @
Taroom Pharmacy for more info

Meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at the Leichhardt Hotel, Taroom, starting at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.