

TAROOM SHOW SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

March 2014



Show jumping competition rides high

Thanks to the help of generous businesses, this year's show jumping section has attracted a grand total of \$9125 prize money. The five major jumping sponsors are Prime Super, Mi Helicopters, Robertson's Transport, Queensland Truck Centre, and Alands Chartered Accountants.

The action starts on Sunday 4 May with junior competitors, and continues on Monday and Tuesday. The crowd-pleasing six bar competition will be held under lights on Monday night, providing exciting family entertainment. Local show jumping identity Mel Griffiths will be one of the judges this year in the jumping arena, while Graham Watts will return as the course builder.

The Taroom Show has an outstanding reputation as a great jumping facility, and two well-known and accredited showjumpers took the time to share their thoughts with the community...



"I have been competing in the jumping at the Taroom Show for about 25 years. I keep coming back as the jumping surface is very good, there is excellent prize money and it is always great to catch up with the Taroom and district locals. We're looking forward to 2014"- Clem Smith, Balaam Downs (accredited Australian level one coach and Pony Club Association level C coach).

"Taroom has always been on the Finch Farm show calendar. There's a great surface, safe facilities, long term loyal sponsors and a welcoming committee that are always happy to see you drive in the gates. It makes it an easy decision where to take your horses and students to have a positive experience in the sport. Taroom Show is a five star agricultural show, and is a credit to the local community"- David Finch, Finch Farms (five times equestrian Queensland coach of the year and 2007 equestrian Australian coach of the year).



Thanks to all the sponsors of the jumping section:



Shane & Belinda Williams * TAROOM WANDOAN ACTIVE RIDERS * Ann McIntyre * Justin & Andrea Beard

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Spectacularly fireworks thanks to loyal sponsors

Taroom and Wandoan residents will again be able to watch the spectacular fireworks display at the Taroom Show thanks to the support of several key sponsors. For the Adams family, Dangarfield Cattle Company, this year will be their 26th sponsoring the night time entertainment.

Ben Adams said Dangarfield first got involved with the fireworks to help launch their bull sale.

“The fireworks are a very popular event which is linked to our Santa sale. Every year many locals thank us, so the message gets out there. We believe local sponsorship helps maintain local support for our sale.”

Along with Dangarfield’s \$500, Sunwater has generously contributed \$1500 and the Leichardt Hotel Motel another \$500. New sponsors Adam and Benita Hay, ABH Transport, Wandoan, have donated an impressive \$850 in their first year.

“We are proud to be a major sponsor of the fireworks at the 2014 Taroom Show,” Adam and Benita said. “We enjoy giving back to the community which supports our business.”

*The fireworks display will be Tuesday night starting at 8pm.

Taroom Vet Surgery’s pet parade

By the Taroom Vet Surgery

In 2013 we saw very stiff competition in the pet parade. Dr Tim Wright had some tough decisions to make in many of the classes, which included best dressed pet, best behaved pet, trickiest pet, best cat, and most unique pet.

Spectacular costumes were modelled in the best dressed category; however the most impressive costume was worn by ‘Travis,’ a Jack

Russell owned by Rory Knudson. Travis’ victory was made more impressive after only being discharged from the vets several hours earlier. This year we are expecting the competition to be just as fierce. The pet parade is open to all ages and all pets, no matter how big, small, or unusual. Each entrant will receive a certificate for participation.

For those wishing to enter the pet parade simply marshal at the designated area around 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the competition with your pet at the Taroom Show.



Become a member!

If you would like to become a member of the Taroom Show Society and be a part of the Members Only Draw at the Taroom Show, you can find a form online or contact secretary Tennille Lacey for more information. After the story in the February newsletter, a number of people have asked for bank details so they can pay their membership online. Please find details below:

Account: Taroom Show Society Inc.

BSB: 034 218

Account number: 890013

Reference: M/SHIP [your name]

Members Only Draw sponsors:

First prize of the Members Only Draw is valued at approx. \$400. Second and third place getters will receive a \$50 IGA gift voucher, while the fourth drawn ticket will win \$50 worth of side show rides donated by the Taroom Show Society.

A huge thanks to the following businesses:

BJ's Coffee Shop - \$25 voucher

Dawson River Produce - products

IGA - 2x \$50 vouchers

Taroom Butchery - \$30 voucher

Taroom Hardware - giftvoucher

Taroom Newsagency - \$25 voucher

Taroom Pharmacy - \$50 voucher

Taroom Vet Surgery - cat or dog castration to the value of \$200

If more businesses would like to come on board please contact Shane Williams or Christie Menzies.

Showgirl, rural ambassador comps

This year the Showgirl committee is hosting a traditional ladies luncheon at the Taroom Showgrounds on April 5. The first guest speaker to confirm her attendance is Anne Cameron, Waikola, Wallumbilla. Anne is an inspiring painter and will share how she has coped with isolation and the challenges life on the land has to offer.

Caitlin Hewitt, Rhubarb Boutique, Theodore, and Ashley Phillips, Young Blood Makeup, Zig Zags, Taroom, will both have displays set up on the day.

If you are interested in attending the luncheon, or becoming a Showgirl or Rural Ambassador entrant, please contact Christie at the Taroom Pharmacy or phone 0428 395 753.

**What is the Miss Showgirl or Rural Ambassador competition all about? You can find out more at the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies website www.queenslandshows.com.au*

My Miss Showgirl experience

By Emily Speed

2013 Miss Taroom Showgirl, South West Showgirl and state finalist

In April last year, the day before the Taroom Showgirl judging and trivia night, I became a nervous Miss Showgirl entrant. The next night after a shaky, onstage interview, it was announced that I was to represent Taroom at the sub-chamber judging in Charleville in June. After a great weekend in Charleville, I had successfully made it through to the final round—the EKKA.

Although I had attended the EKKA many times, 2013 was special. The Showgirl entrants were accommodated in the luxurious Brisbane Riverview Hotel. We toured QLD Country Life, Government and Parliament House, attended the sponsors' ball, and enjoyed everything the finals had to offer. I met some wonderful girls and associates of the Royal Brisbane Show- it was an experience that will be with me forever.

I would encourage all young ladies to enter the Showgirl or Rural Ambassador competition. Even if you don't make it past your local competition, you have contributed to promoting the show and rural Queensland, which in the end is what it's all about.

YOU'RE INVITED

To a ladies luncheon celebrating the
Miss Showgirl Competition

5th
April
1:00pm



Please join us for a ladies luncheon
at the Taroom Show Grounds

*Lunch and dessert provided, BYO
Guest speakers focusing on rural women's issues
Ticket price TBA*



For RSVP and entry forms please
see

Christie Menzies

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Pavilion's new feature class: "Something Beginning With T"

The Ladies Committee says it's time to get your thinking caps on and come up with a creative entry for an exciting new feature class in this year's pavilion section.

Rules for the new class, named 'Something Beginning With T', are simple: enter an item of any medium that starts with the letter T to help celebrate Taroom and its wonderful community.

Entries can be in the form of cooking, art, photography, sewing, jewellery, craft, leather and wood work, flowers etc.

Committee member Anna Radel said the new feature class has been introduced to the 2014 schedule to help engage the wider community and allow people be more creative with more entry options.

"We thought the pavilion needed something new to create an interest for not only competitors, but for the local community so they could come and see what the pavilion has to offer," Mrs Radel said.

"Some of the committee members judged at Theodore Show last year and it was a section in their pavilion that provided a lot of interest and talk around the show.

"We encourage everyone to get behind this new and exciting section, and we look forward to watching the section grow, once the community realises that the sky is their limit."

The winner of this new section will take home \$100 prize money, while the viewer's choice entry will receive \$50.

**For more details, please contact Anna Radel on (07) 4627 0389 or email a3t.radel@bigpond.com*

Taroom Show 2014

Major entertainment:

Bushwacker Bonanza

The Lumberjack Show

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th May

7:00pm @ Taroom Showgrounds

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