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NOMINATE NOW FOR FARMERS CHALLENGE

Think you're handy around the farm? Perhaps you consider yourself a DIY guy or girl? If so, then it's time to put together a team to contest the inaugural Taroom Farmers Challenge at this year's Taroom Show. There is over \$500 prize money and bragging rights up for grabs.

The Farmers Challenge is a relay type race with a series of agricultural related tasks. Categories include youth, men's, and couples (teams of two), and a community group or team (team of four). There are four teams selected for each category, with winners to advance to a final round. To nominate, tell us in 50 words or less why the show society should pick your team. Send your answers to schulz.andrea@hotmail.com or post to The Secretary, PO Box 65, Taroom Q 4420.

NEW HUNTER FEATURE IN HORSE PROGRAM

The Taroom Show Society's ring committee have introduced a Hunter feature section to the 2015 program. The new event will run on Sunday, May 3 at 5pm and will continue under lights. Led classes will be split into Hunter pony, Hunter Galloway and Hunter hack, with a champion and reserve to be judged. In the ridden classes there will be a champion and reserve for each of the Hunter pony, Hunter Galloway and Hunter hack classes. A supreme show Hunter hack will also be announced on the night.

Ring steward Carlyn Lewis said it's great to see Taroom welcome a Hunter feature in their ring program.

"Chinchilla, Roma, and Wallumbilla Shows already have Hunter classes, so having Taroom come on board will further encourage Hunter hacks to come out and to do the South West show run," Carlyn said.

"We're hoping to see a few families there on the Sunday night, watching the new event under lights whilst enjoying a beverage and a burger."

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF ANZAC

2015 marks the special 100 year anniversary of the Anzac's. To help commemorate this milestone event, the local RSL branch is working hard to bring the community a memorable display. Items so far to go on show include a bugle, gold plated badges, certificates, medals and an old war telephone.

Taroom Branch RSL president Bruce Clothier (pictured) says this memorabilia is a way for the community to remember and respect what it was like 100

years ago.

“The men and young boys of Taroom, who were just like us, enlisted in the war and travelled half way across the world having no idea what lay ahead of them,” Mr Clothier said.

“If anyone is willing to lend some items to the display, it would be appreciated. They don't have to be from WW1 either.”

If anyone can help with the display, please contact the show secretary on 0407 200 163.

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ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS

Fireworks

The family favourite fireworks display is on again thanks to sponsors Dangarfield Santa Gertrudis, ABH Transport, and the Leichhardt Hotel Motel. Robert Adams from the Dangarfield Stud said the fireworks will be held on the Tuesday night at the show, and they are looking forward to helping make the event possible.

Wine and cheese afternoon

The wine and cheese afternoon will be held on the Monday afternoon next to the Cattleman's Bar under the trees. Ladies will have the opportunity to sample a variety of wines, and enjoy the company of friends and family over delicious cheese platters. More information to come, but mark it on your calendar regardless.

And don't forget side show alley!

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PLAYGROUP TO HOST 'TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC'

Following the success of the 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' at the 2014 show, the Taroom Playgroup has decided to run the stall again.

Taroom Playgroup coordinator Alleisha Rowbotham said there will be a range of activities including painting, arts and crafts for young children.

“The children will be able to make their own teddy bear snacks, and there will be a colouring in competition running which will be drawn late in the afternoon. Playgroup will also be doing face painting during the day,” Mrs Rowbotham said.

The 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' will be found in the Santos GLNG Town & Country Pavilion on the Tuesday of the show.





*Table decorations at the 2014 Miss Showgirl Ladies Luncheon
BJ Williams, Jess Oliver and Heidi Phillips enjoy a day out*

SHOWGIRL LADIES LUNCHEON ON AGAIN

The Miss Showgirl Ladies Luncheon is on again this year after the success of last year's inaugural event. The function, to be held on April 18 in the Phipps Pavilion at the Taroom Showgrounds, will offer a three course lunch which includes entrees, cold meats and salads, and an exquisite array of delicious desserts.

Judging of the Miss Showgirl entrants will take place, and several guest speakers will line up on the day. This year there will be a hands-on and modern approach to many old show traditions. The feature will be with Cynthia Driscoll, who will present a practical guide to flower arranging. Make sure you bring along a pair of secateurs for some creative fun.

Tickets are \$40/person and can be purchased from the Taroom Pharmacy from 30 March. 50 seats available. For more information contact Christie McLennan on 0428 395 753.

GET YOUR PETS READY FOR PARADE

Are your children looking for a section to compete in at the Taroom Show this year? Well, look no further than the prestigious and rather entertaining Taroom Vet Surgery's Pet Parade.

Categories include the best dressed pet, the most obedient pet, and the most unusual pet. There is also the friendliest pet award and the winner of that class will be awarded the Sam Otto Memorial Trophy and \$40 prize money.

There will be prizes for all classes, and after last year's event the Taroom Vet Surgery is looking forward to seeing what children can come up with this year.

"Last year's parade was a great success and we are once again looking forward to seeing as many pets as possible," Dr Hugh Oliver said.

The Pet Parade will take place on Tuesday, May 5 at 11.30am at the stud cattle complex, near the Cattleman's Bar. Nominations are 50c on the day, and the only rule is that entrants must be alive (no pet rocks).

Pictured: Phoebe Lawardorn with her pet dog Izzy in 2014.

KIM ENCOURAGES SHOWGIRL, RURAL AMBASSADOR ENTRANTS

Kim Hay was the Taroom Showgirl in 2012, and last year she decided to enter the Rural Ambassador competition. She represented Taroom at the regionals in Dirranbandi, and was named the runner-up. The Rural Ambassador competition focuses on the rural industry and the agricultural show movement.

Kim said it is an area that she has been lucky enough to have had a lot of experience in, not only through her upbringing but also through her continued involvement with the show society.

"Like the Showgirl competition, it was an experience I thoroughly enjoyed. It was a great opportunity to network with other like-minded individuals and I learnt a lot from the experience. I highly recommend it and would love to see others experience this unique opportunity," Kim said.

Rural Ambassador is open to anyone aged 20-30, while Showgirl is open to females 18-27. If you are interested in representing Taroom this year, please contact Christie at the Pharmacy.



NEW PHOTO CLASS

Local shutterbugs are encouraged by the Ladies Committees to take full advantage of a new class in the 2015 photography section. The new category is to cater for the show challenge, so entries need to tie in with the Dawson River Dreaming theme.

The Taroom Branch of the Wildlife Preservation Society of QLD is also sponsoring a photography classes. Photos must be the subject of native Australian animals or birds taken in their natural habitat.

Full pavilion schedules are available online at www.taroomshow.com.au

All pavilion entries must be nominated with stewards by 5pm on Sunday, May 3. No nominations will be taken on the morning of Monday, May 4, however nominated entries can be submitted up until 8am.

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

EXCLUSIVE COOKING INTERVIEW

LOCAL COOKING STARS GET READY TO BAKE

The 2014 men's chocolate cake class proved a huge hit for both competitors and spectators alike. The class attracted a record 17 entries, and rumour has it several men practised regularly in the lead up to the show.

Five of the chocolate cakes were auctioned off by Luke Hopkins, to raise \$486 for the Taroom Cancer and Palliative Care Group.

We caught up with last year's first and second place getters, Harry Johnson from the Taroom Post Office and show vice president Don Lethbridge, to gain an insight into their cooking. The two are already flicking through their books to find their best scone recipe, which will be this year's class to contest.

Q. Favourite thing to cook? *HJ:* My favourite thing to cook is a good steak, medium rare on the barbie with caramelised onions and finished off with a little brown sugar and balsamic vinegar. *DL:* Bread- I find it a very versatile ingredient. It will go with anything from butter, to just about anything wholesome from a can!

Q. Best recipe you own? *HJ:* The best recipe I own is the chocolate cake. My style is throw all the ingredients in a bowl, measured exactly of course and beat the daylights out of them for five minutes. Cook in a medium oven until it's cooked- that's about the time it takes to drink two stubbies. How hard is that? *DL:* Now this is a beauty, loved by all ages. Nadine was sick in hospital and it was the first time I'd had to cook for Skye. I named it Dad's Famous Goulash! Basically its mashed potato with cheese melted in, and then canned tuna mixed through to add taste.

Q. Your secret ingredient for most recipes? *HJ:* Luck and fresh ingredients, electric beaters or maybe I should say just follow the instructions! *DL:* I'm a bit like Colonel Sanders, but for the show I'll give it up- butter, pepper and chili.

Q. Hand beaten or electric mixer? *HJ:* Definitely the electric beaters work for me. *DL:* I am most definitely a lazy traditionalist, electric for sure.

Q. Trick to perfect icing? *HJ:* Did you see Ben Adam's cake last year? Ask him. *DL:* Ask Ben Adams what he did with his icing last year and do the total opposite of that, you will be sure to be successful.

Q. How often you cook in a week? *HJ:* Very seldom. *DL:* 0.03846154 times a week. This equates to about twice a year which is equal to the amount of times I do the washing up, according to Nadine.

Harry Johnson was the winner of the 2014 men's chocolate cake competition. He is pictured with Gayle Menzies who bought the winning cake for \$130 and auctioneer Luke Hopkins.



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