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LAST CHANCE TO GET INTO MEMBERS DRAW

The Members Only Draw will again take place at this year’s show on Tuesday 5, following the official opening at 1pm. Many local businesses must be thanked for their continued support and efforts. Contributors for first prize include the Taroom Hardware (\$50 voucher), Taroom IGA (\$50 voucher), Taroom Butchery (\$30 voucher), Tyrepower Taroom (\$30 voucher), Phipps Mechanical (\$30 voucher), and the Taroom Pharmacy (\$30 voucher).

In the first minor draw, the Taroom Vet Surgery has donated a \$25 voucher and Landmark Taroom a bag of dog biscuits. The Taroom Vet Surgery has kindly donated another \$25 voucher for the second minor draw, and Dawson River Produce a 10kg bucket of laundry powder. This is your last chance to become a member– you can find membership forms online or contact the show secretary.

SANTOS GLNG TOWN AND COUNTRY PAVILION

The Santos GLNG Town and Country Pavilion is a new and exciting concept to this year’s show program. The pavilion will be packed with a variety of stalls and displays, a stage for demonstrations throughout the two days, and a relaxing area to sit and catch up with family and friends.

Hospitality students from the school will again cater for everyone’s coffee and cake needs. There will be a mums and bubs corner located in the pavilion, and on Tuesday the Taroom Playgroup will operate their Teddy Bear’s Picnic area for young children.

The onstage program includes Thermomix presentations, a BBQ cook-off and the mini Masterchef competition, judging of the junior Showgirls at mid-day on Tuesday, and a fashion parade presented by Rhonda from Allen’s Mensland. Brown Brothers Wine will have a stand and will offer taste testing at the Cattleman’s Bar on Monday afternoon. Thea Hayes, author of the successful novel ‘The Outback Nurse’, will also be around for both days to share her adventure and to sign books.

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HOME TOWN HERO TO ENTERTAIN

Taroom's very own Frank Green and his renowned heeler comedy team are set to take the centre stage at this year's show. Throughout the two days Frank will provide the crowd with hilarious and entertaining roving displays, with help of course from his stunt performing horses, his saddled-up steer and his clever working dogs.

Frank Green and the heeler comedy team will also feature throughout the Farmers Challenge on the Monday night,

and he will present a full show on Tuesday night.

The highly regarded entertainer has featured at the Brisbane Exhibition on a number of occasions, and over the years he has continued to support rural and regional shows.

Show secretary Jess Oliver said the committee is proud to present a home grown talent of this calibre, and encourages all the families to come and meet Frank's team at the show.

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SHOWGIRLS ANNOUNCED

Natalya Schumacher has been announced as the 2015 Taroom Miss Showgirl, while Emma Becker was awarded the runner-up title. In the Showgirl princess section, Ebony Robinson was runner-up to Tanika Lovett.

The Showgirl presentations were made at the second annual ladies luncheon, which this year featured a hands on approach to some old show traditions. Cynthia Driscoll and Janet Phelps presented a practical guide to flower arranging, which was a hit amongst the 70 ladies that attended.

Showgirl coordinator Christie McLennan said the continued success of the Miss Showgirl luncheon is due to the ongoing support of the local community towards the Taroom Show.

Keep your eye out for the senior and junior Showgirls at the Taroom Show!

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE THE SHOW

Camp oven cooking: Mark Gardner and David Parry-Okeden will deliver a camp oven cooking display on Tuesday near the Cattleman's Bar. The pair will cook a variety of food to taste test including the all time favourite damper.

Showgirl BBQ: The Showgirls and Rural Ambassador will operate their BBQ and potatoes on Monday night at the show from 6pm, located near the main bar.

Gate changes: This year the main gate will be the only access to the showgrounds during the show. The cattle gate will be closed for a majority of the show, except for 6am-9am on Monday allowing exhibitor access to the pavilions, and 9pm-7am (Mon & Tues) allowing pedestrians only to walk home after the night entertainment (no cars please). Parking for the general public will be on the football oval, and access around the football clubhouse to the pavilions will be restricted to authorised vehicles only.

Best dressed comp: Categories include best dressed lady (Zig Zag Hairdressing voucher), most suitably attired teenage girl (Hemisphere Hairdressing voucher), most suitably attired teenage boy (\$50 iTunes voucher), best dressed couple (Kay & Gay's Kitchen trophy), Toowoomba Grammar School ladies hat comp (1st \$100, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$50), Toowoomba Grammar School girls hat comp (1st \$50, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20).

WHAT IT IS

The Taroom Farmers Challenge is a relay type race consisting of a number of agricultural challenges. The first team to complete their challenges correctly and reach the finish line wins their heat, or the final.

WHEN AND WHERE

Monday night at the Taroom Show (4 May 2015) after the six bar horse jump. Scheduled to start at 7.30pm in front of the main bar.

THE CATEGORIES

There are four categories– youth, men’s, couples, and community group or team. Only four teams per category will be selected to compete, so make sure you nominate. More information can be found on Facebook or on the Taroom Show website.

THE JUDGES

There will be four judges: the local psychiatrist a bovine hauler, a horse whisperer, and of course, a farmer!

THE ANNOUNCER

After a successful gig auctioneering the chocolate cakes at last years show, Luke Hopkins has got the call to officiate this event. He will be assisted by his charming wife Melissa.

THE CHALLENGES

To give you an idea about the spectacular entertainment you and your family are in for, we’ve agreed to release one challenge to the public....

Lassoing a cut out cow

A team member must wear a cowboy hat and yell ‘yeeha’ when attempting to lasso the cow. If the first person misses, the next team member has to put on the hat and repeat the process.



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Getting ready for the inaugural Taroom Show Farmers Challenge is husband and wife duo Tom and Emily Blackley.

FIRST TEAM LOCKED IN, REVEALED

We can exclusively reveal one team which is training hard for the highly anticipated Farmers Challenge. It’s the newlyweds Tom and Emily Blackley, for the couples category. We all know that the two are very capable in their own right, given both them and their families run successful agricultural operations. But how will they go working together, racing against the clock? Make sure you’re at the show Monday night to find out!

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HORSE NEWS

Stockhorse classes

Black Toyota has been generous enough to again sponsor the working Stockhorse classes at the Taroom Show. The \$500 prize pool will be divided amongst competitors in a junior, local and open class.

Dressage events

The Dressage section will commence on Sunday, May 3 at 8.30am, while the juvenile jumping events will start at 1pm in ring three.

Hunter reminder

Nominations have been well received for the new Hunter Horse section. This feature event will take place on Sunday, May 3 under lights at 5pm. A bar and BBQ will be operating to compliment the new event. Judging of the Hunter Horses will be split into led and ridden classes. There will be an overall supreme Hunter Hack awarded on the night.

Fancy dress comp

The children's fancy dress class will be judged on Tuesday after the opening ceremony. The kids will then lead the grand parade at 2pm.

TAROOM NAMED IN FUTURE STARS RUN

Amongst a grand prix and several world cups, the Taroom Show has been selected as one of ten events where showjumpers can earn points for the Aitken's Saddlery Future Star of 2015 award. The Aitken's series is now in its sixth year, and it aims to promote consistent performances from up and coming futurity level horses.

Points are taken down to tenth place at each event, and after the tenth round points are tallied and the winners are announced at the Queensland Equestrian Awards Night. The winner of the Future Star of 2015 award will receive a Defiance Force jumping saddle value at \$3000, while second and third place getters will receive Aitken's vouchers valued at \$300 and \$150.

Previous award winners that will line up at this year's Taroom Show include Clem Smith, Olivia Hamood and Chloe Hughes, all of which have competed at a national or Olympic level. Taroom Show president Shane Williams said everyone involved is looking forward to having the likes of these elite equestrians at the Taroom Show.

"It's a privilege to be recognised as a show which provides excellent jumping facilities and competition," Mr Williams said.

Other shows to join Taroom in this year's series include the Toowoomba Royal, Gympie Show, and the Sunshine Coast Show.



ROBERTSON'S, QTC THANKED FOR SPONSORSHIP

The Taroom Show Society would like to take this opportunity to thank Robertson's Transport and the Queensland Truck Centre (QTC) for their valued sponsorship. Both businesses have supported the Taroom Show financially for over ten years each, and their generosity has allowed the show jumping section to become one of the best on the circuit.

Snow Green from Robertson's Transport said being a past competitor and someone who was interested in show jumping was enough for him to help promote the section.

"In the early days the Robertson's Transport C&D Grade Jump was introduced to encourage young horses and riders," Snow said.

"With our showjumping arena being one of the best in Queensland today we can boast of having the largest number of competitors in our 110th show, with all horse stalls being full and overflowing."