

# Taroom

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TAROOM SHOW SOCIETY EST. 1905

## What's coming in 2018..

### Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2018



We're looking for teams of four to compete in a city vs country themed farmers' challenge. Whether you've grown up on the land or in town, dust off your boots to take part in our Monday night entertainment spectacular to really decide who is the best!

Competitors will first take part in five country themed challenges before a drink break and interviews on tactics and skills.

Five city themed challenges will follow and, based on qualifying times, the two top teams will go on to the final!

**Awesome prizes up for grabs:**

1<sup>st</sup> = \$400      2<sup>nd</sup> = \$200

**Contact Jack Chandler to get involved!**



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## Produce section changes...

The committee has worked hard to update the produce section to make it relevant and exciting for people who wish to enter.

The main changes include reducing the number of items required per class (i.e. you only need 2 oranges now instead of 3) and introduction of a Junior Grower Section (under 16 years) for "budding" young growers... excuse the pun. The under 16 grower classes include pumpkin, zucchini or squash, any other fruit or vegetable and 6 hens' eggs. Young growers are also encouraged to enter other classes if they wish.

Pharmacist Christie McLennan said from her perspective as a health professional it was important for children to understand their diet and the origins of their food to help prevent obesity.

"The easiest way to show them is to let them grow their own. As a parent I want my child to have knowledge of and appreciation for agricultural production from all industries not just beef."

### Completely new classes:

**Scarecrow Competition:** Open to any individual, groups, school classes and clubs. 1.5m high and 1m wide. Must be self supporting.

**"The one that got away":** Open to any fruit or vegetable to be judged on size and/or character.

**"We have all fallen victim to the forgotten zucchini or crooked carrot and this class gives everyone a chance to showcase not only their successful crops but also those that may give us a laugh but might not be the tastiest."~ Christie McLennan**



### Why become a member?

**Membership is an excellent way to support your local show.**

**Without continued support from our community we would be unable to provide such a successful and enjoyable show.**

### Membership entitles you to:

- **FREE entry for you and your family to the show**
- **Access to 'Member Only' competitions and promotions**
- **Recognition in the show schedule**
- **Voting rights at meetings and AGM**

**The committee is working hard to bring an exciting and entertaining show that has something for the entire family.**

## TAROOM SHOW SCARECROW COMPETITION

**NEW TO THE PRODUCE PAVILION!  
FIRST SCARECROW COMPETITION! ENTRIES DUE 6TH MAY  
THERE IS NO LIMITS TO YOUR CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS!  
OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS, SCHOOL CLASSES & GROUPS!**

**1.5M HIGH  
x  
1M WIDE !**

**MUST BE SELF  
SUPPORTING !**

**\$20.- FOR THE WINNER!  
\$10.- FOR RUNNER UP**

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# **TAROOM SHOW LADIES LUNCHEON**

**7 APRIL 2018**

**GUEST SPEAKERS   MISS SHOWGIRL COMPETITION**

**WORKSHOPS   BAR OPERATING**

**TICKETS ON SALE 1 MARCH AT TAROOM PHARMACY**  
TICKETS \$45 EACH



## **Are you the next Miss Showgirl?**

Don't be fooled, the Queensland Country Life Miss Showgirl competition is not just about fancy dresses, hair and makeup. Instead, the showgirl movement is your chance to represent our great town and tell others why we're lucky to live where we live. Not only that, as a showgirl you will have the opportunity to put forward any big picture ideas you may have for ways to make rural living even better. The ideas you think might be insignificant could make a real difference!

Taking part prompts greater involvement in the agricultural industry, the show movement and your local community and can open many doors for the future.

So we say, why not?

To get involved please contact Christie McLennan!

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# Queensland Rural Ambassador: Christie McLennan

"In November I was very fortunate to attend the 2017 IAFE conference held in Las Vegas. Over 4000 delegates from across America and the world were in attendance to celebrate the theme of "Striking it Rich". This theme flowed through the entire conference from the sharing of people's own 'striking it rich' tale to collecting gold coins for charity auctions. Overall, people were there to share their stories, to inspire and teach others.

The conference showcased a diversity of topics. Speakers covered big picture ideas about the fair industry right down to specific classes that could be introduced to rejuvenate stale sections. Discussion panels and workshop groups provided interactive platforms for delegates to ask questions and provide feedback to each other.

It was refreshing to see some of the issues we face in Australia within the show movement are international. Issues such as managing an intergenerational workforce, insurance, engaging with the modern consumer, competition from online entertainment sources and utilising technology were all themes that resonated through the delegates. Many discussion panels, workshops and speakers addressed these issues.

The greatest difference I felt was how large the American fair industry is and how many people derive their livelihoods from it. On the contrary the Australian show movement is largely run by volunteers.

It was a great pleasure to attend the conference and I can highly recommend attending a conference (locally or abroad!) to reinvigorate your love for shows and spark some new ideas." ~ Christie McLennan



## Committee member transitions

It is our great pleasure to announce Mrs Del Croft as our newly appointed Taroom Show Society Secretary. Del comes to the role with fresh enthusiasm and we are excited to have her on board for a busy year ahead.

The Society would like to extend its sincere gratitude to our outgoing secretary Mrs Jess Oliver. Jess worked tirelessly throughout her four years in the position and there is no doubt our show ran smoothly from opening to close with Jess behind the wheel.

Here's to a happy, healthy, wet and prosperous 2018!