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Crowds up for bumper Show

By TOM SEBO

FINDING a parking spot within a two block radius of the recreational area was no easy task over the weekend, as thousands of people flocked to the Goulburn Show.

Crowds were up by more than 10 per cent on the previous year as were the number of exhibitions and exhibitors, thanks largely to the cancellation of six other country shows across the region.

The pavilion was packed to the rafters, with everything from cakes and jams through to arts and crafts.

Guinea pigs were popular - as was the honey bee demonstration.

The photography section was massive, with exhibits occupying a large area of the basketball court.

Politicians also used the show to spruik their parties, with The Nationals and The Liberals manning stalls (see story page 5).

AP&H Society president Jim Stevenson said the amount of community support for this year's show had been "outstanding".

He is yet to hear any negative feedback and says it was a positive way to end his time as president in Goulburn.

Mr Stevenson was recently appointed as a director to the Agricultural Society Council of NSW, which is responsible for 196 shows across the state.

The promotion brings more than a decade of service to the local committee to an end.

While he will miss his colleagues, and vice versa, he is confident the show is in good hands.

"We're already starting to plan next year's show, we're already booking some attractions," he said.

"We'll keep growing the attractions that we've got and introduce new agricultural attractions next year."

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