

Yass Show Celebrating 150 Years



Congratulations from Katrina

I take great delight in writing to congratulate the Yass Show Society on its Sesquicentenary Show.

Country shows are an integral part of life in rural NSW. They display the work, produce and life of the local community. But they perform a bigger and much more important role by melding local people into a community. Following the devastating bushfires in January we saw how important it is for areas to develop a real sense of belonging to a community. The marvellous response to the fires by the community of Yass Valley is a clear demonstration of how strong a community spirit we enjoy.

This sense of community did not just happen; it has grown out of decades of local people with a common bond interacting with the ultimate goal of making their community a better place in which to live. The Yass Show has been, and remains, an



• Burrinjuck MP Katrina Hodgkinson

important factor in this development.

The Yass Show has successfully been run entirely by volunteers for the past 150 years. Many members

of our community have a long association with the Yass Show and the Hodgkinson family is no different. My grandfather, Jack Hodgkinson, was president of the Yass Pastoral and Agricultural Association, now the Yass Show Society Inc, for 27 years, finally relinquishing the role in 1974 shortly before he passed away. The memorial gates at the Yass Showground were erected in 1963, the Centenary year of the Yass Show, in memory of my grandmother Lilian.

I am proud to have been made a life member of the Yass Show Society.

Congratulations to the Yass Show for 150 years of service to the community. I congratulate everyone, past and present, associated with the Yass Show Society for their dedication to making the Yass Show such a long-standing and resounding success.



• Yass Curtains & Blinds took first in the small window competition.

Katrina Hodgkinson, MP

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• Yass Country Kitchen's display included some of their award-winning pies.

Winning windows

Cath Williams from the show society said the judges had a tough job in the Yass Show Shop Window competition.

"With all of the fantastic show window displays it was an extremely tough job for our two judges, current and former Yass Showgirls, Amy Minahan and Emma Cox. "But the results are in."

Big windows:
 1st Label Love Boutique
 2nd Miller's Pharmacy
 3rd NRMA
 4th The Gift Makers of Yass

Small windows:
 1st Yass Curtains & Blinds
 2nd Yass Valley Property
 3rd The Sheep's Back
 4th Office of Katrina Hodgkinson MP

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 Yass Country Kitchen
 Kidz Blitz
 Yass Valley Visitor Information Centre
 Nancy's Kitchen
 Goodstart Early Learning

Mrs Williams also thanked the Yass Newsagency for displaying Yass Show perpetual trophies.

"Thank you to everyone who participated - an amazing amount of effort and style. If you haven't been down the street to see the windows yet, get down there... and make sure you go into the shops as well."

Visit www.yasstribune.com.au to see a gallery of the shop windows in the competition.

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• Current and former Yass showgirls, Amy Minahan and Emma Cox, with the winning ribbon for Label Love Boutique.

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Black and coloured showing a bit special

Students from Picton High will converge on Yass this weekend and will help with exhibiting the black and coloured sheep at the 150th Yass Show.

The group of primary industries and agriculture students will dress up in period costume and will show the sheep in front of a judge who will also be decked out in special attire.

The sheep, which range from super-fine merinos all the way to the

border leicester breed, will be judged on their confirmation (structure) and also the evenness and presentation of their fleece.

There are eight confirmed exhibitors, including two from Victoria, and judging will begin at around 10am on Saturday.

Broni Jekyll, of Drap'hyd Merino Stud, Yass River, is the steward and organiser of the event and said there is something extra special about

black and coloured sheep and that the showing is definitely worth going to.

"Black and coloured sheep are interesting, they are a bit different and I think that makes them worth having a look at.

"It will also be good to see all the students dressed according to the different times in history, especially because this show is in its 150th year."