



QCAS Next Generation Newsletter

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What is QCAS Next Generation?

Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc (QCAS) Next Generation Youth Committee consists of 128 affiliated show societies throughout Queensland. Each society is responsible for the organisation and staging of their annual show. Few shows are identical however most feature a strong Agricultural focus.

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In order to see the success of the local show movement continue QCAS have, during February 2009, created a Youth Committee known as QCAS Next Generation. This committee is charged with increasing Youth participation in the organising and co-ordinating of our local shows. This includes assisting with the running of the Rural Ambassador, Miss Showgirl and Young Judges and Paraders competitions, providing assistance to youth in attracting sponsors, running new events at shows and obtaining the necessary skills to add value to the individual show.

Next Generation Committee Report

Firstly, I would like to thank the QCAS office, directors and members for their help, support and guidance as we establish the QCAS Next Generation Committee. I would like to thank Bruce McConnel for getting this committee off the ground. Without his guidance and enthusiasm I'm sure we wouldn't be where we are today. Bruce, along with myself and other enthusiastic committee members, are truly passionate about this project and we hope that in the future we will take a more active role within the Queensland Shows and work together with existing members to learn and gain experience from them.

In January 2010 we will hold a weekend workshop in Toowoomba for the youth involved in our shows (see page 2). We hope that each sub-chamber will nominate between 2 and 3 people from their sub-chamber to attend the workshop and gain valuable skills and knowledge from workshop leaders and guest speakers throughout the weekend. This will be a valuable experience not only for the youth involved but also for their individual local shows and sub-chambers. DAFF have kindly provided us with a \$23,000 grant to run this workshop.

I would like to thank all who attended the meeting at the Ekka. It was extremely productive and we've got some great ideas for the future. Remember if you have any ideas or updates please send them to me so I can make everyone else aware.

Until next time, Carla Tierney
QCAS Next Generation Committee President



Youth Workshop 2010

The very premise of the workshops is to get like-minded young people from around Queensland together in one location to learn new skills, but also to share best practice and build a network of support.

The three day workshop will provide the young people selected by their Sub-Chambers with the necessary skills to become fully engaged in the decision and organisation of their local show. They will be able to attract sponsorship, raise funds and run segments of the show with the knowledge gained.

They will also gain specific skills relating to positions within committees, such as obligations, legal responsibilities and other tasks relating to being a treasurer, secretary or president. This will empower them with the necessary skills and experience to join and add significant value to various other organisations.

Aspects covered in the workshop will include:

- Succession planning
- Responsibilities of Office Bearers
- Leadership programs
- How to run a meeting
- RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) Course
- Stewarding and Judging workshops
- Various guest speakers



The experience gained from the workshops hopes to see the youth sitting on, and fully contributing to a successful show committee. This will empower the youth to extend their area of influence.

The workshop will take place at the Toowoomba Showgrounds on the **23rd and 24th of January 2010**. There will be approximated 40-50 Youth representing the 11 Sub-Chambers around Queensland.

The Australian Government through the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry have supplied the QCAS Next Generation with funding to hold this workshop to provide accommodation and transport of delegates to the workshop. We'd also like to acknowledge the Royal Agricultural Societies of Queensland Toowoomba Show who has kindly provided us with the venue and the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies for their continuous support.

Please contact Carla for an **application package** on 0411 313 885 or cp_tierney@hotmail.com. Applications close **4 December 2009**.

Promotion



It has been brought to our attention that many people within the Show Societies and Sub-Chambers still do not know who we are and what we're doing. It would be great if everyone could attend their show meetings and sub-chamber meetings to promote QCAS Next Generation and how we can help at each level. If anyone has any ideas for promotion please do not hesitate to suggest. We are hoping to get some newspaper coverage in QLD Country Life in the near future but other ideas would be great.

A Message from CEO

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome and congratulate the Next Generation Committee on their establishment and first year of business. In my role as QCAS CEO I have been exposed to the concerns of many Show Society Members on what the future holds. I have confidently been able to reply that there is a clear and defined way ahead and that the next generation of Australians who are passionate about Agriculture and Agricultural Shows are ready and willing to take the reins and lead the Show Movement into the future.

This said, it will be a difficult and sometime thankless task that will be faced by the volunteers who pursue this avenue. This is no different to the past and each Show Society gains its strength from devoted, talented and practical community members with a drive to provide exhibits and competitions to highlight the peak agricultural pursuits of their area.

I commend those who have stepped up to this task and look forward to a close working relationship with you in the coming years. Your committee is being watched closely by organisations across Australia and your achievements will set the standard for future Show Societies nationwide.

Congratulations and Well Done.

Mark Bryant
CEO
QCAS



Show Safety Education Program

Firstly, I would like to thank the QCAS Committee and Larger Show Group for their support and encouragement in work on this project. Also the Next Generation Committee in wanting to take this on as the trainers to all the show societies across Qld. The feeling of the many people in the show movement seems this will be a very important program for the future of the show movement.

After all our meetings at the Ekka, I now feel the DVD idea is going to take a little longer than we hoped, as we are still working on funding and are quickly running out of filming time to get it done by next year shows. But we will get there.

So the plan for the workshop now is we will be running with the power point presentation. This presentation is up to all industry standards and hopefully will bring the shows up to an industry level. This is almost completed, thanks to the help of Mark, and will be ready for Next Generation workshop and the Showmen's Guild Think tank in January.

So hopefully we will see you all there, and really encourage as many people to attend as possible. This will be a fun, but very educational weekend.

Rowan O'Hara



Upcoming Events

QCAS Secretaries & Executive Project Workshop	10 October 2009	
	Wandoan Showgrounds	contact: qcas@bigpond.com.au
Charleville 'Bull Dust & Bow Ties' for RDFS	10 October 2009	
	Charleville Archery Grounds	contact: Michelle Omyla- 0428 104 024
Goombungee Rodeo	7 November 2009	
	Goombungee Showgrounds	contact: 4696 5470
QCAS Secretaries & Executive Project Workshop	14 November 2009	
	Nambour Showgrounds	contact: qcas@bigpond.com.au
QCAS Directors Meeting	16 November 2009	
	RNA Showgrounds	
QCAS Next Generation Youth Workshop	23-24 January 2010	
	Toowoomba Showgrounds	contact: cp_tierney@hotmail.com

For further QCAS information and Show dates please contact the QCAS Office or visit: www.qcas.net.au



General News

- **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Bruce McConnel** and his wife Ali on the arrival of their first child. Lachlan Robert McConnel was born 23rd August healthy and happy.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Carla Tierney from the Darling Downs and Michelle Omyla from South West Queensland for winning the QLD Rural Ambassador and Runner-Up QLD Rural Ambassador at the state finals held at the Ekka in August.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Aimee Davina from the Burnett sub-chamber for winning the QLD Miss Showgirl. We would also like to congratulate Sophie Elliott from Central & Northwest QLD from winning the runner-up title and Amy Trace from South Burnett who won Miss Popularity.
- Please make your show societies aware that **show schedules** can now be uploaded onto the QCAS Website. Please contact qcas@bigpond.com.au for more information.
- If you have any other news, upcoming events or information for the Next Generation newsletter, please contact Carla Tierney at cp_tierney@hotmail.com or 0411 313 885.