

**NORTH COAST NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
17TH ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT.**

**Presented to the Annual General Meeting Held in the Member's Stand on
Wednesday 22nd. June, 2005.**

The 2004 Show was an outstanding success, despite the worst drought in living history leading up to our Show. Then heavy rain for the three days before the Show, almost caused us to abandoned the 2004 Exhibition

The Campdraft, with record entries, had to be postponed on the Wednesday, and our show commenced on Thursday. As in 2003, our night programme was washed out on the Thursday.

The Official Opening, the Launch of Helen Trustum's book "It's Showtime" and the crowning of the Showgirl all had to be held together on the Friday evening. This was prior to our special attraction produced by Ozworks Entertainment and sponsored by Summerland Credit Union, "100 Years on Ground Celebrations".

Sponsors and Donors in 2004 supported our change in direction in presenting the Show. New major sponsors including Valtra Tractors, Summerland Credit Union, Richmond Waste, Rex Airlines, Kemp Agencies, Bartercard, Shaw's Office Supplies, Tursa, Uniting Care were welcomed, as well as past sponsors that again supported us. The following are the previous major sponsors The Northern Star, Lismore City Council, Harvey World Travel, Horseland, The Land, Lismore Livestock Auctioneers, George & Fuhrmann, Gibson Amcal Chemist, Norco and Norco Pauls, Carlton United Brewers, Wesfarmers, Bishop & Co., TNR, Karinga Motel, Richmond Sand & Gravel, Lismore Workers, Club, Australian Macadamia Society, Westlawn Finance, NBN Television, Radio Stations, 2LM, 88.9 FM, and 92.9 FM.

To all donors and Sponsors, weather large or small, I thank you very much for your support in 2004 and without your ongoing support, our Society would not exist. Thank you.

The Summerland Credit Union's "100 Years on Ground" performance was a great spectacular with well over 600 volunteers from our local area coming together to create this extravaganza. These included the performers, Stage managers, Committee members, production staff, to mention but a few and especially the support that our local Schools provided to this event. Thankyou also to Gilchrist Casting's for their Pre- Show to the main event.

Our Sideshow special promotion was changed in 2004 to pre-selling ride tickets for a discounted price. These tickets were sold through some Branches of the Summerland Credit Union, together with discounted Show Entry Tickets. Thank you Showman and Summerland Credit Union for doing this promotion, and it should grow in 2005.

The postponed Campdraft was held at the end of November and proved to be a success with a record number of entries on the day. To all who worked to put on this day, I thank you, and it would appear that the Campdraft in future will be held away from the Annual Show.

A Steering Committee from the Lismore City Council, the Management Committee, Lismore Unlimited, the Economic Development Board and the Land's Department, have been working to provide a Business Plan for the Showground for its ongoing future. I would like to thank these people that have given up their time for this project.

One of the recommendations of this plan is to reduce the size of our current Management Committee and to delete the Finance Committee. This recommendation will be voted on at this meeting to-day and I urge all present to support this motion.

I would like to thank all Committees, Chief Stewards, Judges, as well as all volunteers and organisations who have donated their time for our 2004 Show. Also to the NSW Ambulance Service and the NSW Police Service for their contribution they made to our Show.

I would like to make special mention on the passing of our Management Committee Member Mr. Colin Jackson, and to all other Members of our Society who have lost loved ones since the last A.G.M. and our sincere condolences are with you.

**JOHN GIBSON
PRESIDENT.**

RING COMMITTEE REPORT 2004 SHOW

It is with great pleasure I present a report of the Ring Committee for the 2004 show

After a very dry year, the rain came on the Sunday before the show. As Monday was a very wet day we decided to postpone the Campdraft on the Wednesday of the Show. Although Thursday was cloudy, we got through the days events and at 3.30pm the heavens opened and the rain pelted down for two hours which cancelled the night's programme. Friday and Saturday the show went on and the Jumping was transferred outside to the north western part of the parking area.

The horse entries were considerable down because of the weather, but the programme was completed satisfactorily. One of the highlights of the show this year was when all of the Champion Hacks, Galloways and Ponies from all of the Shows in Group 1 over the last 12 months competed for the Champion Of Champions. The prize for this was a worth while cash prize and a painting of the winner.

This year, Mark Eady a professional entertainment organiser for shows, was contracted to organise each night's programme. As the show has been conducted on the present ground for 100 years, he used this as the theme for the production. With over 500 local people involved, the production took us through the early years to the present day and was a breathtaking show, which was enjoyed by very large attendances on each night.

The postponed Campdraft was run at the end of November. This proved most successful and over \$4000 was made on that day. I unfortunately was in hospital and would like to thank the Campdraft Committee for the wonderful effort on the day in staging the graft.

I would like to thank my Ring committee and stewards for the loyal support I receive and also thank them for their dedication to the North Coast National.

Ron Weir
Chief Ring Steward

POULTRY COMMITTEE REPORT 2005

It is with much pleasure that I submit my report for the Poultry Section for 2005.

The Poultry Section staged another good show with most breeds being well supported by exhibitors. The judges were impressed with the quality of exhibits that they judged. Local breeder Doug Hogan won Champion Bird of the Show.

The Lismore Poultry Club again fully sponsored the section.

In closing, I wish to thank my committee for staging a wonderful show. Also thanks to Ian Mulligan and office staff for their support during the year and thanks to our major sponsor.

N. T. Hing
Chairman

BEEF CATTLE REPORT FOR 2004

Once again dry weather held back our entries with exhibitors at Brisbane telling me that they would not be feeding cattle on to Lismore this year. Despite fewer entries the Lismore & District Workers Club Junior Heifer Show was able to attract more entries than 2005 with 39 entries. In typical form the sky opened up and it was run on a wet track.

The stud section this year was represented by 20 breeds with entries coming from Queensland, and a very strong showing from the Tamworth area.

The Land Newspaper and Lismore Livestock Auctioneers North Coast National Steer Classic showed it's popularity with 61 entries fighting it out in the hoof and hook competition. The school competition in it's 2nd year was able to attract over 20 entries from 7 schools. A pleasing result.

I summing up I would like to thank all of the sponsors of the Beef section for providing some financial reward for exhibitor's hard work. A special thanks to all my stewards and voluntary workers, and the girls who spend countless hours on paperwork. This makes the beef section a pleasure to be a part of. Also, a thanks to the Dairy Chief Ken, for running our bar on a voluntary basis and allowing us to support the show with a higher profit from our bar.

Ron Scandrett
Chief Steward

DAIRY CATTLE REPORT 2004.

This years Dairy Cattle Show was a success with the numbers on the ground very good with just over 100 cattle on the ground on judging day.

This year, the supremes were a great year for the Clark Family, with them taking out the supreme cow, supreme udder and supreme pen of three cows.

In 2004 the Dairy show was run over one day for the fourth time. The parade this year was held in the judging ring with most exhibits being paraded and Dairy exhibitors preferring the parade to be held there in future years

I would like to thank the stewards for the job they did and exhibitors for the manner in which they showed their cattle.

I would also like to thank the committee for attending meetings, and those members who attended working bees. Also thanks to Ron Scandrett for the co-operation between Dairy and Beef.

On behalf of the exhibitors and the North Coast National, I would like to thank Norco, Norco Rural Stores, Wesfarmers, Milkaware, George & Fuhrman, Dairy Farmers, and Wyatt Artificial Breeders, the main sponsors, for their most generous sponsorships, and to the other donors, thanks for your support.

Ken Northfield.
Chairman
Dairy Cattle Committee.

PIG COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2004

The Pig and Carcass Show was very successful. The carcass competition was won by the Dockrill family.

Many thanks to Paul and the employees of Booyong for their assistance, and the use of their BBQ which followed the presentation of the trophies.

The Grand Champion Pig of the show entered by the Cooke Family.

In conclusion I would like to thank the office staff, my Stewards, Committee, Lismore Agents and the following sponsors for the trophies and support they gave to this section of the Show.

Bishop & Co, Booyong Meats, Boyle Family, BE Campbell, Cassino RSM Processing Co, Ian Weir & Son, International Animal Health, Singh Farm Services, Vereyken Bros and the judges from both sections.

Gordon Starkey
Chief Steward

SPACE REPORT FOR 2004

Once again in 2004, space positions were in demand. The pavilions were sold early and outside space continued to be sold up until the Wednesday before the show.

Valtra Tractors had a large display of their machinery, which was well received, together with large displays from Lismore City Council, NSW Police Service and Rous Water. This created a high level of interest on the Western side of the Ring. The Eastern side was again well attended with show bags and many varied stalls.

The four major local car dealers provided an interesting and well laid out display in the Motor Pavilion. Lismore Nissan again took the prize for best display. Also exhibiting were Frank Vanz Tyres and Pat & Roy complementing the motor traders.

The Claude Riley and William Smith pavilions were both sold out, with good trade experienced by most traders. New to the pavilions was furniture, small motor bikes, perfumes and gift hampers. Also attending were our traditional wide range of exhibitors.

FINE ARTS PAVILION REPORT.

It gives me great pleasure to report that at the 2004 show the pavilion once again provided a wonderful display. Entries were up in most sections and of a high standard.

Considering seasonal conditions, the flower, vegetables and produce displays were a credit to the growers. Congratulations to you all.

Cooking entries were very high this year, thanks to the support of Kadina and Richmond River High Schools, but whilst the decorated cakes were a good display, it would be nice to see more entries in this section.

There were some beautiful pieces of work in the Needlework and Craft sections and once again it was good to receive such support from the High Schools.

Our thanks to the people who organised the Bread Show and although entries were down a little, the standard was not.

The Porcelain Art is always a lovely display. Thank you to Mrs Parker for looking after and organising this section. Keep up the good work.

The Photography section was of a very high standard and credit must go to their club for the work they have put in.

The Fine Art section, relocated to the Gem Club area, proved to be a successful move, with many more entries received. A thank you to the Lismore Art Club for your assistance in this area.

Mrs Helen Trustum provided a very interesting display of old show photos marking the centenary of the Show being held at the present site. My thanks also to the organisers of the Honey, Coffee and Banana displays, and to the CWA ladies for their efforts.

To the Orchid society, it was very much appreciated the time, work and money put into making your corner such a lovely area. Along with the Bonsai display (which always creates a lot of interest) and the floral art, I feel this has become a very attractive area of the pavilion.

Lastly, the District exhibit, Arthur Johns and his assistants, they did it again. What a wonderful display they created.

Our thanks must go to the main sponsors, The Australian Macadamia Society, Unitingcare and Tursa, and to all other people who provide sponsorship. It is all very much appreciated and we hope that you will continue to give us this support.

To the stewards, Stewardesses, Pavilion Committee and the office staff, thanks very much for the many hours of work you have put in. It has been a happy group and it has been great to work with you all. Your friendship and assistance was very much appreciated.

Mrs Bernice King
Pavilion Chief Steward

**RURAL YOUTH REPORT.
2004 SHOW.**

The theme of 100 years of the North Coast National on this ground site was featured in the Rural Youth display, with memorabilia over the past years collected and displayed within the 100 years banner painted by the members of the Coraki Club

Congratulations to all members from Coraki, Casino and Kyogle Clubs who participated in this activity as it drew the attention of people visiting the Fine Arts Pavilion.

The entries in the competitive sections of cooking, horticulture, vegetables and photography were supported very well by the members participating in these activities.

Awards were presented at a Presentation evening conducted by the Kyogle Club.

Kelly Lee-Knight of Casino Club won the Graeme Binney Memorial Trophy.

Coraki Club was the winner of the Lismore Diesel Service Pty Ltd trophy for the recorded secretary's book.

Chris and Kelly Lee-Knight were the outstanding exhibitors of the Rural Youth section.

The decline of membership of Rural Youth throughout the state and the many changes within the organisation, I feel these young people should feel proud of the standard that they maintain for this exhibit.

Andrea Bryant.
Chairperson Rural Youth.

WOODCHOP REPORT 2004 SHOW

The North Coast National show once again brought together a strong field of axemen and close and exciting events took place.

The tree felling events always prove to be spectacular and they provided spectators with plenty of entertainment.

It was good to see Kerry Hewitt, former world champion axeman back in the arena competing.

Our sincere thanks must go to the sponsors of these events, Hurford's Building Supplies, Lismore Timbers & Plywood, A J Arnett & Co and Bunning's Warehouse, your support is very much appreciated.

Our thanks are essential to Mr & Mrs Viv Watts for their handicapping and organising the events, and also to Frank Newby who supplied the logs and Lismore Timbers and Plywood for transporting them. It was greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to the team who kept the area clean and presentable and also to the Show Secretary and office staff for your assistance in making this section successful.

Merv King
Chief Steward Woodchops

OFFICE REPORT 2004.

Again in 2004 we were nearly washed out and I thank all of those who helped through the difficult times that resulted from the wet. Some of the programme had to be changed on the run and most of the committees and large band of volunteer workers accepted these changes and got on with it. Thanks to all who went out of their way to help "put the Show on".

The pavilions had next to record entries and the new Tursa Fine Arts competition was a good attraction with some very fine art works on show. Helen Trustum's display created a huge interest and together with the new orchid display and the excellent displays in the rest of the pavilion had most of the old hands complementing the pavilion committee.

The Arena Spectacular generated more positive comments to the office than most other attractions that we have attempted in recent years, even when we put the fireworks on late. Thankyou to Mark and all of those involved.

2004 saw on the back of the Arena Spectacular an increase in sponsorships and I thank you to all those sponsors for your most generous contributions.

Mrs Beatrice Riordan and Mrs Amanda MacDougall again helped to put the show on by providing very capable help in the office leading up to and during the show. Thank you and thanks also to Miss Kaylene Hopf, Mrs Joy Hosking, Mr Craig Hosking, Miss Wendy Painter and Miss Belinda Dockrill for their help during the four days of the Show.

Only through the office do we see the collective number of volunteers that give their time to help organise and run the North Coast National each year and I want to thank all of those who have helped.

I really am looking forward to a dry 2005 show.

Ian Mulligan.