

BAPS News



**Ballarat Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.
Newsletter**

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2020

WHAT A YEAR!

I don't think anyone would deny that 2020 has been one out of the box. Like many other organisations the Ballarat Agricultural & Pastoral Society was hit hard. All our major events were cancelled which was a big blow to the Society, especially financially. All of a sudden our income dried up. It was a difficult but necessary decision for the Executive Committee to cancel the Spring Show for this year but it was made at the appropriate time. The office hours was cut and staffing hours significantly reduced.

Many of the associated businesses like food trucks and carnival people also lost their income overnight.

Not one person has not been affected in one way or another even those essential workers, who were able to keep working a full 37.5 hours a week, endured lock down. We all missed seeing our family and friends, missed celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and all other significant events. There has been the pain of not being able to spend time with elderly parents and siblings or sadly not attend funerals.

But I think what this year has done is made us realise that it is easy to take things for granted. How wonderful it has been to connect again with the ones

we love. Even with phone calls and zoom, nothing replaces sitting in the same room with someone. We are grateful.

On one very positive note – the Federal Government advised that they would help all the A&P Societies and the large Royal Shows with funding because of the incredible loss of income due to the cancellation of shows because of COVID. A&P Societies our size were able to apply for up to \$70,000. We submitted our application requesting the full \$70,000. We received notification that we will indeed receive the full amount. This will make a tremendous difference to our finances and we were thrilled to get the good news.

EQUESTRIAN CENTRE



Sometimes things don't happen as quickly as we would like. We are progressing in setting up the website for bookings. The place has been cleaned and Stuart Rowe did a wonderful job grooming the arena, getting rid of all the weeds and rubbish that had built up over the months of lock down. The coding system has been put in place in anticipation of bookings. I hope to advise in the next newsletter all the details for booking the centre

MT ROWAN OPEN DAY A DAY OF CELEBRATION

Sunday 6th December saw a good number of members and volunteers gather in the shed at Mt Rowan, despite the wintery conditions with the occasional downpour, to enjoy a BBQ, drink and a catch up with friends and acquaintances but most importantly to see their new showgrounds. We were thrilled to have Daniel Moloney, our new Mayor, Julianna Addison, member for Wendouree, Michaela Settle, member for Bunninyong and Samantha McIntosh, member for Central present. It gave Michael Daunt the opportunity to show them the new master plan which created great discussion.

People were able to watch the shearers at work in the shearing shed which is currently in use every weekend. Thank you to Ross Dickinson who was our cook in residence, presiding over

the BBQ, kindly lent to BAPS by the Rotary Club. We certainly appreciated Ross's hard work and skill with the tongs and scoop. Gerard van Beek was seconded to run the bar and did a great job. He didn't realise that if you turn up you will likely get a job given to you!!! Thank you to Stuart Rowe for all his hard work and assistance setting up the site. Angela did a wonderful job making sure everyone got a bun and sausage or pattie. All in all it was a great event and many expressed their pleasure and excitement



regarding the new showgrounds. What is already there and what is to come.

Rick Smith – President – Left



Rick welcomed everyone and made introductions, talking a little about the new showgrounds before handing over to Michael Daunt, chair of the Showground Development Committee who spoke briefly about the plans for the future.

Michael Daunt & Julianna Addison

Our new implements shed made a wonderful gathering place.

Left – Daniel Moloney and Michaela Settle



Ross Dickinson – BBQ Cook

DRIVE IN MOVIES COME TO THE BALLARAT SHOWGROUNDS



Don't forget to support the local Drive In Movies on the Broadhead Arena. There has been lots of talk and reminiscing about years gone by and the wonderful family times at the old Drive In. Tickets can be purchased online at the Showbiz Cinemas website www.showbizcinemas.com.au. Just click on the Ballarat button. The cost will be \$35 per vehicle or \$25 if you are a Showbiz Group member. Instructions as to how you enter the grounds and are guided to your spot on the arena will be included with the ticket.

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SUNDAY MARKET FINALLY REOPENED



The wintery weather did not deter those who had been waiting for months for the return of the Sunday Trash and Treasure market. There were a great number of stalls

and families braved the weather to hunt out a bargain. There was plenty to choose from – flowers, produce, coffee, icecream, donuts, Jewellery, soaps, candles, plants, second hand items and much more.



KITCHEN GARDEN COMPETITION

We received some great entries for our Kitchen Garden competition. We judged entries on Tuesday 8th December and it was an absolute delight to ring the winners and let them know that they had won a prize. It is a pleasure to announce the winners.

BEST KITCHEN GARDEN – sponsored by Growmaster

First prize - \$250 gift voucher
Terri Creelman from Invermay

Second prize - \$100 gift voucher
Susan Pitman from Alfredton

Third prize - Family pass to a 2021 event at the Ballarat Showgrounds
June Vann from Buninyong



BEST ORGANIC KITCHEN GARDEN – sponsored by Lambley Nursery & Gardens

First prize - \$250 gift voucher
Sarah Stockdale from Sebastopol

Second prize - \$100 gift voucher
Paula Foote from Ballarat Central

Third prize - Family pass to a 2021 event at the Ballarat Showgrounds
Lou Ridsdale from Ballarat



The Delacombe Primary School won the Children's kitchen Garden with an amazing YouTube presentation created by the children. They are to be congratulated for their creative work and their prize is well deserved.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Now that the warmer weather is upon us it is always nice to have a light but tasty dish ready for a casual dinner with friends or just as a quick on the run lunch or dinner. The sauce for this dish can be frozen so if you are like me you will make double quantity, pop half in the freezer which will mean next time preparation is virtually zero.

Hope you enjoy ☺

FETTUCCINE WITH ZUCCHINI SAUCE

- 1 onion chopped
- 1 green capsicum chopped small
- 2 cups zucchini chopped small
- 1 tin tomatoes
- 60g butter
- Black pepper
- Fettuccine

Melt butter in a pan, sauté onion for 5 minutes, add the green capsicum, zucchini and tomatoes. Cook until the vegetables are soft. Season with black pepper. (I sometimes add some sweet chili sauce as my husband likes this)

At the same time put a pan of salted water on to boil. Add fettuccine.

To serve – put the fettuccine into a bowl and top with the sauce. Grate some cheese on top.



And I think we will all agree we are looking forward to a peaceful and normal but great 2021



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