

# BAPS News



Ballarat Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.

February 2022 Newsletter

## YOU ARE INVITED TO A BBQ



On Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March BAPS is hosting a BBQ at our Equestrian Centre, Mt Rowan. Starting at 6pm. We would love to see you there. It will be an evening of socializing over a great BBQ dinner and a drink or two.

If you are a member of BAPS, why don't you invite a non-member friend to come with you so that they can see and hear what BAPS is all about and our great plans for the future showgrounds and events precinct. They would then have the opportunity to become a member themselves.

We will need to know numbers for catering purposes so please RSVP by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to [eo@ballaratshow.org.au](mailto:eo@ballaratshow.org.au).

The address is 6 Rosehill Road, Mt Rowan. It is the third gate along, on the left-hand side of the Equestrian Centre building. There is plenty of parking around the back of the building.

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## BECOME A BAPS YOUTH MEMBER

**Why does BAPS need the younger generation?  
We need diversity and forward thinking**

From its beginnings back in 1856 membership has been the life blood of the Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society.

The first activities of BAPS took place during the Victorian gold rush of the 1850s. Since then, BAPS has gone from strength to strength and been an important entity in the Ballarat district and members feel a sense of pride that they are part of such a great icon in the Ballarat region. Equally, if not more important, is BAPS' future.

Phil Franklin became a member of BAPS in the late 70s. He went on to be President and now sits on the Executive committee as an Advisor.

Phil said "I like being involved with BAPS because of the social aspect. Meeting new friends and maintaining those friendships. The ideals of BAPS are to support and

promote the Agricultural and Pastoral industry through events and education. The future is about running large events for the community to come to and enjoy.”

In 2002 Kerri Gallagher joined BAPS at the age of 16, joining the Cattle Committee as she was heavily involved in showing cattle and was a local dairy farmer. Six years ago, at the age of 29 Kerri became President after years of involvement across many committees, including being one of four founding members of the Youth Committee. Kerri is a wonderful example of the difference passionate young people can make at BAPS.

Kerri said “I love being involved in BAPS as it is a wonderful way to be able to give back to the local community. It is also a fantastic way to meet people from all demographics from across the region. Whether it be catching up with the next generation in agriculture to local business professionals. BAPS continues to be a great place to make lifelong friends, while also being able to help put on wonderful events for our community to enjoy.”

### **Become a member and be a part of BAPS future**

You are never too young to be part of BAPS. Why not get involved and help in planning its future. BAPS cannot survive without members and for those members who offer to be involved in various ways, we are extremely grateful. Would you consider getting involved? You may have time to be a volunteer at a BAPS event or you may be interested in being on a committee (and no, you don't need to be a farmer to be on a committee). We value the input from committee members with their ideas, organizational skills, enthusiasm, and desire

to make a difference. This could be you. It's time for the next generation to get involved and help shape the future that you will be a part of. It is our desire to reinstate a strong and vibrant Youth Committee and organise some great, fun memorable events. Will you work with Kerri to re-establish the Youth Committee? If you would like to discuss becoming a member or would like to know more about being on a committee, please feel free to call 0438 437 493.

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### **The Molesworth family win the Bruce Balharrie Best Presented Pen of Steers at the Nutrien Ag Store Sale.**



Congratulations to John (far right) James (second the the left) and family.

# VICTORIAN SHEEP SHOW



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Plans are well underway for the 2022 Victorian Sheep Show which will be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. This is a major event in the BAPS calendar and months of planning goes into making this a huge success.

This event will be open to the public and there will be plenty to see and experience. A programme and more detailed information on what will be happening on the day will be available in the next few weeks. So put the date in your calendar and come along. It's a great day out for the whole family.

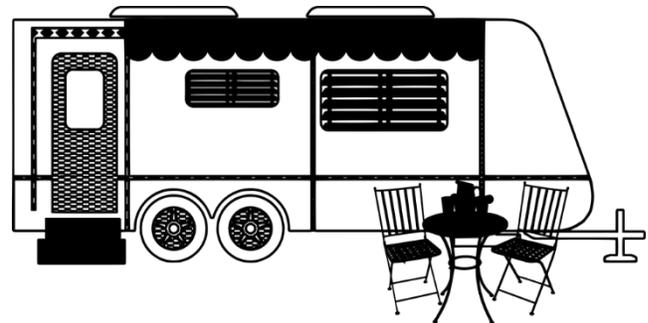


# THE GREAT OUTDOORS EXPO



Australia is a vast and amazingly diverse country to explore and what better way to do it than with a caravan or campervan. It's all about the freedom of going where you want to go.

The Great Outdoors Expo is the best place to see all that this industry has to offer. Only 10 weeks away. Come and see the latest caravans and campervans as well as all the accessories. All you need to see in one spot.





**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
**CANCELLED**

It was extremely disappointing after all our hard work for the Expo committee to have to make the hard decision to cancel the 2022 Ballarat Regional Lifestyle Expo. The effects of COVID still have a big impact on businesses. Encouraged by the large number of expressions of interest for 2023 we look forward to bringing you a fantastic event in March next year.

### **2022 CALENDAR**

**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May – Great Outdoors Expo**

**26<sup>th</sup> June – Victoria Sheep Show**

**12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November – Spring Show**

*Become a Friend of BAPS and help support this wonderful society - contact us on [eo@ballaratshow.org.au](mailto:eo@ballaratshow.org.au) or phone: 03 5338 1877 Monday to Wednesday Or 0438437 493 Monday to Friday*

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