



BAPS News

Ballarat Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.

June 2022 Newsletter

WHAT A DAY!! WHAT AN EVENT!!

Victorian Sheep Show

Sunday 26th dawned cold and cloudy but thankfully not pouring with rain. The last of the exhibitors and trades bumped in early Sunday morning and we were all ready to go by 8am as the public began to arrive.



Above – Harry Smith Pavilion
Right – Main Pavilion

The consensus was, it was a great day. The number of sheep entries received was about 440 as several had to withdraw at the last minute due to COVID. Our heartfelt congratulations to all the winners who took home a ribbon/s and trophy. The judges with their keen eye did a brilliant job, as did the stewards with their duties. Thank you to each and every one of our sponsors. We could not run this event without your valuable support. Everyone had a job to do, and they did it well.

There are just too many people to list that need to be thanked but you know who you are. The core members of the Sheep Committee made sure that everything ran like clockwork.

The Harry Smith Pavilion was a hive of activity with trades displaying and selling their wares.



The fashion parade showed off some beautiful garments. Thank you to each of the models who gave their time to participate.

The fire pits loaded up with firewood kept away the winter chills as people gathered around them to warm themselves and have a chat.

There was plenty of Ag machinery scattered around the grounds. The Working Dogs did a fantastic job with the sheep on the Broadhead Arena and they are always fun to watch.

Thank you very much to the Arts and Crafts Committee for putting together a great lunch.

All in all, it was a great day and feedback from those who participated backed that up.



BALLARAT SHOWGROUNDS AND EVENTS PRECINCT, MT ROWAN

BAPS is often asked what is happening with the showgrounds and when are we moving? Good question. This is a very exciting time for BAPS so we thought we would tell you exactly what is happening.

In October 2020 the Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society purchased the property at 6 Rose Hill Road Mt Rowan from Federation University. This followed a lengthy time of negotiations and planning to make sure this was the right location. BAPS now owns 40 acres of land with various buildings, with more to be constructed over the next two or three years. Shortly after the site was purchased the committee engaged Wright Engineering to work with them to give guidance and advice, and oversee the planning and construction.

On site at present there is a fabulous Equestrian Centre with an 80m x 40m indoor arena. This

arena is in constant use by riders especially during the colder months and many clubs now regularly hold their events at the facility. The building also has a kitchen, open area for gathering plus toilets and showers. Outside are open pens for the horses.

Apart from the Equestrian Centre, there is a shearing shed and undercover holding pens. This is always busy during shearing season and is available for hire. Apart from the shearing shed the building also contains an office, three classrooms and other facilities. Fed Uni currently lease two of the classrooms for their Ag studies so you will often see the students out there. Two large implement sheds and a chemical shed complete the buildings currently on site.

The Showgrounds Development Committee meet on a regular basis as progress is made with the very first building planned for the site. This 2400sqm state of the art new South Pavilion will have a multi-function purpose. Not only will it be used for the Sheep Show, Spring Show and other BAPS events but will be available for hire from outside organisations. The start date for construction of this building is planned for the end of 2022.

The other building to be constructed will be a two storey Exhibition building. This building will house areas for hire for smaller events, conference rooms, commercial kitchen, offices and much more. This will sit attached to the Equestrian Centre and will have a viewing platform allowing people to look down over the arena enabling the public to watch a horse event or casual riders using the arena.

Internal roads will lead to an 1800 vehicle parking area. Hard stand areas, oval and other open

spaces are planned as well as the beautification of the whole site. We have already had two working bees on site planting hundreds of tube stock plants along the boundary with our closest neighbour on Rose Hill Road.

There is a lot of work to be done before the showgrounds and events precinct is complete and the millions of dollars that it will cost will hopefully be acquired through State and Federal Government grants. The hope is that the initial move of staff to Mt Rowan will happen once the South Pavilion is complete.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Just a reminder that the BAPS 2022 Annual General Meeting will be held the evening of Thursday 14th of July in the Ladies Committee room. 6.30pm arrival for 7pm dinner with the AGM starting at 8pm. The cost of the dinner is \$40 per head. If you intend to come to the dinner please rsvp to eo@ballaratshow.org.au by Monday 4th July to allow time for the caterer to be advised of numbers. Come along and hear what has been happening over the last twelve months.

BALLARAT EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

June has been a very busy month for the Equestrian Centre with 52 casual bookings and four clubs using the facility. We are receiving some wonderful feedback from those using the arena.

6 Rosehill Road, Mt Rowan is perfect for dressage clinics, club days and for casual riders. Go to www.ballaratequestriancentre.com.au to make a booking. Or if you would like to talk about your event please call Elizabeth on 0438437438.



2022 CALENDAR

6th July – Ballarat Aboriginal and District Cooperative – Family and Cultural Day in the Main Pavilion

31st August – 4th September – Ballarat Hindu Festival (Broadhead Arena and Cattle Pavilion)

10th – 11th September – Ballarat Woodworkers Guild (Main Pavilion)

**11th 12th & 13th November – Spring Show
Ballarat Market on every Sunday**

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