

BAPS News



Ballarat Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.

July 2022 Newsletter

162th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On the evening of the 14th of July members gathered for the 162th AGM. It is amazing to think that the first AGM was held in 1860. J & M Catering served a delicious two course dinner which everyone enjoyed.



Elizabeth opened the AGM and welcomed everyone and read out the apologies. Rick Smith gave his second report as President.

Elizabeth presented her Executive Officer's report and Julian presented his financial report.

It is with pleasure that we introduce the 2022/2023 Executive Committee members.

President – Rick Smith

Immediate Past President – Geoff Fiskin

Senior Vice President- Matt Menhennet
Chair of the Cattle Committee & Finance Committee

Junior Vice President – Jonathan Tischler
Chair of the Sheep Committee.

Treasurer – Julian Versloot

Executive – Kerri Gallagher
Chair of the Promotions Committee

Executive – Shane Zammit
Chair of the Expo Committee

Executive – Ben Fleay

Executive - Ben Fahy

Liz Molesworth - Chair Arts and Crafts Committee

Alistair Freeman -Chair Wine Committee

Michael Daunt- Advisor

Chair Showground Development Committee

Phillip Franklin -Advisor

Peter Fraser – Advisor

Rick Smith resumed the chair as President for a third year in a row due to the fact that the Senior Vice President, Matt Dickinson, who would have stepped into the role moved from Ballarat a few months ago.

We had three special awards to give out to members for their service to BAPS

Life Membership was given to:

Liz Molesworth for all her work over the years. She has made a great contribution to this organisation and her Life Membership is well deserved.

Julian Versloot for his dedication and work over many years as Treasurer.

Meritorious Award

Every five years a committee decide if there is anyone who should receive a Meritorious Award. For 2022 the award was presented to Mr Ross Dickinson. Ross is heavily involved with the Sheep Committee and has gone above and beyond in service to BAPS.

Congratulations and well done to these three very special people.

A copy of the 2022 Annual Report can be downloaded from the website www.ballaratshow.org.au or ring the office and a copy can be posted out to you.

SAYING GOOD BYE

After two years and four months I am saying goodbye to the Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society and stepping down from the role as Executive Officer. Not an easy decision for the



fact that I love my job and all the special people on the committees that I work alongside. However, retirement and a move away from Ballarat to a warmer climate beckons.

Since I initiated the newsletter back in mid-2020 I have loved writing it and keeping you up to date with everything that is going on. It is my sincere hope that you have enjoyed receiving and reading the monthly newsletters.

During my time in the EO's chair a lot has happened and I have been in the position to bring some fresh thoughts and ideas to BAPS which I have implemented with the support of the Executive Committee. Unfortunately, on the other side of the coin not much had happened in the way of events at the showgrounds over almost two years, like the Spring Show and the Regional Lifestyle Expo. COVID saw to that. However, as things start to resemble normality again several organisations have booked the showgrounds for their events. It is great to see life coming back to this area once again.

We are busy working on this year's show and believe it will be a greatly anticipated two and a half days. Keep an eye open for the promotion of the show and make sure you get your tickets.

I would encourage anyone who is thinking of getting involved in this great organisation to pick up the phone and make the connection. Whether that is making yourself available to be a volunteer on a day of a BAPS event or having input by being

on one of our committees. One of the things I have loved is seeing the camaraderie of those who are on committees. The strong sense of friendships and taking pride and ownership of events like the Victorian Sheep Show and the Spring show.

The town that my husband and I are moving to has an agricultural and pastoral society and I will definitely be contacting them and volunteering my time to help. I believe it is about giving back, using the skills and talents that each one of us have and can bring to a NFP organization to help make a difference.

BAPS will always have a very special place in my heart, and I will miss those whom I have come to care about.

The position of BAPS Executive Officer will be advertised so if you would like to take on a challenging role, work with a great bunch of people and help with the move to Mt Rowan then put yourself forward. You can call Rick Smith on 0418 347 031 for more details.

2022 CALENDAR

Saturday 6th August – Bird Show – 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
Saturday 26th November – Rock and Roll Festival

2023 CALENDAR

18th February – Reptile Expo
26th - 27th March – Regional Lifestyle Expo
31st March - 2nd April – Great Outdoor & 4x4 Expo
24th June – Victorian Sheep Show
Ballarat Market on every Sunday

Signing off

Elizabeth van Beek –
Executive Officer BAPS