



Showgrounds Roundup

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Showgrounds Roundup

The Stanthorpe Agricultural Society is embarking on a new venture to increase the communication we have with our clients and supporters. This quarterly newsletter will come out each season and showcase the immediate past events as well as providing readers about what's coming up in the near future. It will provide an avenue for our partner organisations and sponsors to deliver updates as well as providing an avenue advertising upcoming events. We hope you find the Showgrounds Roundup interesting and informative.

Regards, Boaty

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Who's who in the zoo!

On a wintery Friday night in June the Stanthorpe Agricultural Society conducted their AGM for 2020. We enjoyed the company of about 40 attendees comprising committee members, society members, chairs of subcommittees and sections, corporate members, visitors and other supporters. We welcomed the involvement of Graham Parker, President of the Stanthorpe Chamber of Commerce, who chaired the meeting when the existing committee stood down and voting commenced.

The voting resulted in the following positions being filled:

- President: Brett Boatfield
- Vice President: Stephen Williams
- Vice President: Dee Booth
- Vice President: Graeme Reilly
- Treasurer: Ken Wilcock
- Chair of committees: Michael Smail

who joins:

- Secretary: Debbie Hurtz, and
- Patron: Neville Bryant.

Congratulations to all!

For further information, contact:
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We're still here!

The showgrounds may be closed for the time being but we wanted to let you all know that we're still here working behind the scenes to keep the Society running like a well oiled machine.

You will have noticed the markets are back with the Markets in the Mountains on every 2nd Sunday of the month and the Showgrounds Markets on every 4th Sunday of the month. It's good to start getting back to some semblance of normal.

The grounds are open for other COVID-safe events. Contact events@stanagsociety.com.au.

Camping will recommence as soon as we get the OK from SDRC at the end of August. Contact camping@stanagsociety.com.au.

We will have another caretaker as soon as we finalise the advertising process.

If you need to access the grounds at all, contact:

- Michael Smail 0428 833 178, or
- Brett Boatfield 0428 833 113.

If you have any other enquiries, contact:
secretary@stanagsociety.com.au

Project updates

Amenities upgrade

Over the past 6 months, Society volunteers have taken it upon themselves to upgrade the amenities at the showgrounds. Starting with a new floor for each toilet block, you will see also that the interior has been painted and new doors have been put on some blocks.

These buildings are now looking spick and span, ready to be used at your next event at the showgrounds or at the show, whichever comes first. Many thanks to our hard working volunteers who gave up many a weekend to undertake this work.

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Land reclamation

The land reclamation project on the western side of the grounds is nearing closure. The top section has been tidied up and we have gained the dual traffic carriageway that we were aiming for around the Stockman's Arena, with some extra room for parking as well.

Thank you to everyone who dropped off clean fill to help us with this reclamation project. Many thanks to Dave Featherstone and Frank Musumeci for working their magic with their machines to apply the finishing touches.

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Can Bar redevelopment

Securing grant funding has enabled us to commence the redevelopment of the XXXX Can Bar. Whilst this colourful building has served many a drink at many a show over the years, it was slowly succumbing to signs of age and disrepair.

The new look Can Bar will mirror the look of the Laurie Harvey (Lions) Main Bar and complete the set of bar facilities on the grounds. The work is being undertaken by Keith Thorne from Keith Thorne Building using other local contractors throughout the planning and building stages.

We also look forward to working with the staff from St Joseph's during the outfitting stage.

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Mezzanine floor install

After securing grant funding to commence the next stage of the mezzanine floor project, the Society undertook an expression of interest asking for submissions from suitably qualified local builders.

We are pleased to announce that Bill Kerr from K&A Building was the successful contractor. Bill's team's ability to undertake building projects of a complex nature was showcased by the examples of the building jobs K&A Building have recently completed in and around Stanthorpe. We believe this project is in good hands and can't wait to see this project through to its completion. Image is indicative only.

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Project updates

Advertising policy

The Society has finalized its advertising policy for ring fence advertising and there are still some spaces available. The cost is \$500 + GST for a three-year commitment.

If you would like to advertise your business on our ring fence, and take advantage of the high level of traffic that travel along High St daily, and other benefits, contact Debbie Hurtz at secretary@stanagsociety.com.au



Emergency lighting

We have now made it easier for you to find your way in the dark at the exhibition centre with the installation of emergency lighting in the ceiling. Should the power go off unexpectedly, the emergency lighting will activate lighting up the whole interior. Image is indicative only.

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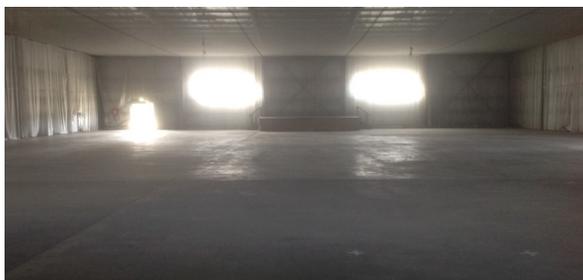


New look interior

While the netting in the exhibition centre was down when the emergency lighting was fitted, Society volunteers took to giving it good clean. Many thanks to the team from the wine subcommittee who took to it with gurneys and cleaned it within an inch of its life.

It was then carefully rehung by our friends from Netpro.

The interior now looks sparkling clean, ready for the events booked in for the latter half of the year.



Camping approval

SDRC notified the Society recently of their approval of the Society's development application to have a limited number of designated bush camping sites at the showgrounds at any point in time. This news is particularly pleasing to that demographic of our community who only want to camp at showgrounds for various reasons including large rigs, those with animals, arriving in groups, needing additional space, etc.

This influx of campers can only but benefit our community as a whole. The economic benefit that our transient demographic brings to the Granite Belt community is worth '000's of dollars annually. Stanthorpe Showgrounds is happy to be a part of something so beneficial to our community.



Partner updates

Stanthorpe Pony Club

After a four month hiatus due to the COVID-19 restrictions in place since March, Stanthorpe Pony Club have commenced their rally days again on the third Sunday of the month.

A good crowd with new members turned out for the July rally day, indicative that there is a lot of interest in pony club activities in our community.

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Stanthorpe Historic Vehicle and Machinery Group

The Stanthorpe Agricultural Society has partnered with the Stanthorpe Historic Vehicle and Machinery Group and offered them some space to construct a headquarters for their group.

After securing a gambling fund grant, the Stanthorpe Historic Vehicle and Machinery Group have commenced work on their shed in the north east corner of the grounds. The slab is down ready for the next stage.

The Society is looking forward to progressing this partnership at events that will provide mutual benefit.

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Stanthorpe and District Men's Shed

The Society has welcomed the partnership formed with the Stanthorpe and District Men's Shed over the past few years. We have witnessed their inception and then their expansion, to a group that now has over 40 members. Ever improving their facilities, they recently completed the inclusion of toilet and handwashing facilities within their building, saving a walk for some of their members.

The Stanthorpe and District Men's Shed meets every Wednesday morning at Stanthorpe Showgrounds.

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Laurie's Larrikins

We are happy to continue our partnership with the group of local artists who call themselves Laurie's Larrikins.

This group meets in the Stanthorpe Showgrounds tea pavilion every Monday to progress various pieces of artwork for the community. Below is the group with the range of pots you now see outside shopfronts down High St and Maryland St.

The group members are only too happy to provide advice to assist you in developing your artistic style.

Contact: Laurie Astill 0431 174 244



Facilities for hire

New look webpages

A lot of work has been going on behind the scenes to upgrade our facilities for hire webpage to showcase the best of what the showgrounds can offer.

You can now scroll through these pages to select your choice of pavilions, bars, rings and meeting rooms, depending on what suits your next event.

Follow these links to secure the facility you are looking for.

- Facilities: <https://www.stanthorpeshowgrounds.com.au/facilities-and-events>
- Calendar: <https://www.stanthorpeshowgrounds.com.au/calendar>
- Event application form: <https://www.stanthorpeshowgrounds.com.au/event-application-forms>

Contact: Paula Boatfield events@stanagsociety.com.au



OUR FACILITIES AND EVENTS

These pages and links showcase the best of the facilities we have available for the Stanthorpe and wider Granite Belt community to use at Stanthorpe Showgrounds.

Our versatile facilities will meet your every need. From the smallest group for a meeting, to a rodeo or concert hosting thousands of people, Stanthorpe Showgrounds can handle it all.

Events are perfectly complimented with suitable parking, amenities (3 accessible), lighting, catering and bar (if needed), security and even a fully kitted out parenting room.

Contact our event management team today at events@stanagsociety.com.au to discuss the finer details of your next event.



FACILITIES FOR HIRE

Select the button below to see what facilities and buildings are available for hire at Stanthorpe Showgrounds.

[FACILITIES FOR HIRE](#)



CHECKING THE DATE

Select the button below and be taken to the Stanthorpe Showgrounds event calendar.

[EVENT CALENDAR](#)



EVENT APPLICATION FORM

Select the button below for the event application form for events at Stanthorpe Showgrounds.

[EVENT APPLICATION FORM](#)



FAQs

Select the button below to find out the answers to many commonly asked questions.

[FAQs](#)



HELPFUL BUSINESSES

Select the button below to find out about local businesses who can help you host your event

[BUSINESSES](#)



PAVILIONS

Select the button below to find about pavilions available for hire

[PAVILIONS](#)



MEETING ROOMS

Select the button below to find out about meeting rooms available for hire.

[MEETING ROOMS](#)



BARS

Select the button below to find about bars and beer garden facilities available for hire.

[BARS](#)



RINGS

Select the button below to find out about ring facilities available for hire.

[RINGS](#)



RINGMASTER'S CAFE

Select the button below to find out about Ringmaster's Cafe facilities available for hire.

[RINGMASTER'S CAFE](#)

Grant acknowledgements

Small Business Adaption Grant Program

Responding to COVID-19

The Society is pleased to announce success in receiving a grant through the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training Small Business COVID-19 Adaption Grant Funding program.

These funds will assist in meeting business operational costs whilst the showgrounds is closed and doesn't have the same income earning capacity as we had prior to COVID-19.



COVID SAFE Active Clubs Kickstart

The Society is pleased to announce success in obtaining a grant through the Queensland Government's COVID SAFE Active Clubs Kickstart Program.

The Queensland Government provided funds to the Stanthorpe Agricultural Society to purchase a laptop and an A3 printer to improve our ability to manage our organisation and better manage sport and recreational events at Stanthorpe Showgrounds.



Queensland Government



The Society is extremely pleased to announce that we have been successful and receiving a grant through the Australian Government's Regional Agricultural Show Development grants program.

These funds will be used to complete our mezzanine floor in the exhibition centre, enclose the top to make a function room overlooking the main show ring and install a lift.



Gambling Community Benefit Fund Queensland Government

The Society has been successful in obtaining a grant through the Qld Govt. Gambling Community Benefit Fund for a full upgrade of the XXXX Can Bar. The end result will be a match to the main bar with the distinctive green peaked roof.

The new facility will enjoy a future that is more than just a bar, it will serve as a BBQ area and beer garden, and refreshment stand at other events throughout the year.



The Society has been successful in obtaining funds from the Stanthorpe RSL through their 2019 sponsorship program.

These funds have been used to purchase a 65cm TV on a stand with soundbar to assist in AV presentations in our meeting and other function rooms.



The Society would like to thank the Southern Downs Regional Council for a grant through their 2019 Grants to Communities Fast Grant funding program.

This funding enabled the Campdraft and Rodeo subcommittee to purchase catering equipment for the Stockman's Canteen.





What's on?

Date	Activity	Location	Time
September			
9	General committee meeting	Ringside meeting room	7pm
12	First Aid Course	Ringside meeting room	6pm
13	Markets in the Mountains	Exhibition Centre	9am
20	Pony Club Rally Day	Main ring	9am
27	Stanthorpe Showgrounds Markets	Exhibition Centre	9am
October			
2	Great Western Road Trip	Grounds	Evening
10	Pick up plants from plant drive	Stockman's Bar	10am
11	Markets in the Mountains	Exhibition Centre	9am
14	General committee meeting	Ringside meeting room	7pm
18	Pony Club Rally Day	Main ring	9am
25	Stanthorpe Showgrounds Markets	Exhibition Centre	9am
31	Spooky Walk	Grounds	6pm

Check out the online calendar at: <https://www.stanthorpeshowgrounds.com.au/calendar>

Fundraisers

Lamington drive

The Stanthorpe Agricultural Society's catering subcommittee ran a lamington drive in August to raise some much needed funds for projects they want to finish.

The drive was very successful with over 160 dozen of lamingtons being made and collected. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

Contact: Loretta Williams grchickenlegs@bigpond.com



Native plant drive

The Stanthorpe Agricultural Society's Campdraft and Rodeo subcommittee ran a native plant drive to raise some funds to finish the BBQ area at the Stockman's Canteen.

The drive was also very successful with over 1300 plants being ordered. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

Contact: Paula Boatfield campdraftrodeo@stanagsociety.com.au



Being COVID-safe

Space

Well it probably goes without saying that at the showgrounds we have space. Whether it be indoors or outdoors, we have the space to ensure your event can meet physical distancing requirements according to your COVID-safe plan.

Whether it be single chairs, or grouped tables, tiered seating or another option you might come up with, we are confident we can meet your needs.

Contact: Paula Boatfield events@stanagsociety.com.au



Signage

You will start to see our COVID-safe signage go up around the showgrounds over the next month or so. Signs will be placed, as a priority, at the main entrances to all buildings and in the amenities. Please adhere to all instructions on these signs to keep yourselves and others safe.



Supporters

Please support the following businesses who support the society by taking up ringside advertising



Thank you for your support