

# BAPS News



Ballarat Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.

August 2021 Newsletter



**SPRING IS  
ALMOST  
SPRUNG**

It has been a long, cold, wet winter, made worse with snap lockdowns. **But** driving out and about these last couple of weeks blossom of various shades is in evidence down the residential streets and daffodils and other spring flowers are all making an appearance which lets us know that Winter is almost over, and Spring is on the way.

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## **BALLARAT SPRING SHOW**

The very difficult decision was made at an Executive meeting Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August to cancel the 2021 Spring Show. This was decided because of two very important factors.

No.1 The risk of COVID and the uncertainty around snap lockdowns - Public safety is a high priority for BAPS and although all Government requirements for COVID safety would be in place for the show it just needs one person to attend the show and to unknowingly be infectious (as we have seen several times now) and we would be in strife.

No.2 The financial impact for BAPS would be enormous should we organise the show and then days before or even during the show go into a snap lockdown.

But the good news is after lengthy discussions it was decided that we will aim to run several competitions both for the farming sector and the residents of Ballarat and the surrounding area.

First and foremost, BAPS is here for the farming sector. For months leading up to the Spring Show both cattle and sheep farmers are preparing their animals for judging. It is therefore hoped that competitions can still be run, and this is something that the Cattle and Sheep committees will work on. BAPS also aims to run cropping competitions. For the non-farming as well as farming sector we will endeavor to organise arts and crafts competitions, as well as photography. The Arts and Crafts committee will be working on this. Children will not miss out; we will have an online colouring competition for them.

We will make announcements once things are in place for the various competitions so keep an eye on our website, Facebook, and Twitter. The September newsletter will contain details of which competitions have been organised and how to enter.

**We would love to hear from you with any suggestions for competitions that we can run. So put your thinking cap on and email back with your thoughts.**



## CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Last month you read about the new Corporate Membership introduced after our AGM in July. There are some great benefits for corporate members so if you would like to know what they are please email [eo@ballaratshow.org](mailto:eo@ballaratshow.org).

- Sole Trader or small business with up to two staff
- Medium business with three to ten staff
- Larger business with more than ten staff

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## BALLARAT EQUESTRIAN CENTRE UPDATED WEBSITE

With our recently updated website you can now check availability of the arena online. Go into the calendar, indicate your desired date and time, book and pay all in one easy step. A notification of your booking is received via email and access to the equestrian centre is arranged and confirmed to you via email.

[www.ballaratequestriancentre.com.au](http://www.ballaratequestriancentre.com.au)

## CHECK OUT OUR FACILITIES FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT

### MT ROWAN

The Shearing Shed, Classroom and outdoor pens at 6 Rosehill Road are all available for hire. If you are planning an agricultural related event don't hesitate to make contact. We are happy to show you the facilities and advise hire charges.

## BALLARAT SHOWGROUNDS

Our current Ballarat Showgrounds has numerous buildings as well as the Broadhead Arena available for hire for whatever event you may be planning. Contact us for more details.

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the life blood of any not-for-profit organisation. We are no exception. BAPS has some wonderful, dedicated volunteers who are part of a committee or help when we have an event at the Showgrounds. We cannot do what we do without the help of volunteers. Thank you for those who give up their time to be a part of this great society.

If you would like to become part of the BAPS team and volunteer in some capacity, please make contact and let us know, we would love to hear from you.



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In last month newsletter you learned about a new benefit of being a BAPS member. Free membership to the Showbiz Delacombe Theatre. This means you can purchase movies tickets for \$10.50 instead of \$19. If you would like to take advantage of this, please email me and I will send your Showbiz membership card out to you.

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

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