

## 2017 Show Report.

For those attending the 2017 Edenhope Show on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> November, I think you will agree that the weather once again, helped to make for an ideal day for a top county show!

The Yard dogs were on the job early, and with nearly 50 entries in the 3 classes, there was plenty of action all day.

Entry numbers were about the same as last year, for the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the Prime Lamb Competition, and, in the Shearing Shed, the Prime Lamb Shearing Competition, using lambs supplied by Caulfield Partners of Coonewirrecoo, just dry enough after Wednesday and Thursday's rain, was hotly contested in the Open, Intermediate and Novice sections. The Open Blade Shearing was well supported and competitive. Numbers were down a little in the Poultry, but there were very good entries in the Sheep sections, with the quality to excellent show standard. The Cattle competition this year was keenly contested with a change in the classes, opening up the available sections.

Out on the Arena, the Stockman's Challenge, competently organized and run by Kristy McDonald and Bruce Caulfield, had horses and riders, plying through their activities during the day. The P&A conducted the popular Topsy Ring for the kids during the morning, and The Good Ole Boys held another spectacular 'Show and Shine', whilst Ray Gard, the Blacksmith, did a great job demonstrating this old time craft.

The Show was opened at 12.00, followed by the Show Award presentations, with Abby Wall being presented the VAS Junior Show Ambassador, Rebecca Burns the VAS Rural Ambassador, the P&A's Brolga Award going to Kevin Burchell, for "sticking his neck out," and the Victoria Police Youth Achievement Award going to Jesse Iese. Following the awards, David Leahy, on behalf of the Mullaugh-Wills Foundation, launched the Message Book on it's journey to Sydney and then Lords in England, towards the middle of next year.

The President of the P&A then presented Life Membership to our long serving committee member, Poultry Convener and past President, John Kosch, and to wind up the official part of the day, three members of the Naracoorte Light Horse Regiment, led the participants of the Stockman's Challenge through the middle of the Showgrounds back to the Arena, in a tribute to the Beersheba Charge by the Australian Light Horse, 100 years ago, with Fred Carberry doing a great job on retelling the story of the charge.

The Pavilion looked stunning, once again, with a change in the layout adding to the effect. Fancy Work, Craft and Photography were very well supported, and, thanks once again to the amazing rain over the last six months, the Flowers and the Farm and Garden entries were outstanding.

The entertainment, included the Dunk Tank, the Bucking Bull and lots of activities for the kids, with the Trailer Backing competition providing a few challenges for some. The sideshows and food court activities were well patronised, with an excellent selection for most tastes.

At the end of the day, the Monster Raffle was drawn, with 5 very happy winners. The Edenhope P&A Society would like to sincerely thank all our sponsors, conveners, stewards, competitors, and of course our loyal patrons.