

It's hard to think that so much can be achieved in so little time. In only 12 months we have:

- Run a show at a profit with an additional 3000 people through the gate,
- Increased our attractions at the show including cattle dog trials, Ag-venture (a free, hands on children's educational opportunity to learn about the agricultural industry), Dachshund Dash and opening the gates to over 500 local school students on the Friday of our show.
- Gone back to a full 2 day show.
- Catered for many local events including the School Campdraft, Caravan Groups and many more.
- Successful recognition of 2 members at the Queensland Show Awards
- Publication of The Pittsworth Show History Book

With every triumph comes a loss. This year we said goodbye to Kevin Loveday who has dedicated the last 30 years to the Pittsworth Show Society. On behalf of the committee, I'd like to thank Kev for his hard work in the cattle section and dedication to the show. I'd also like to thank Kerri Denning for her passion to the committee and dedication to preserving the history of the Pittsworth Show. We will greatly miss both of these long term members of the management committee, however they will not become strangers to the show society. A passion for the show never dies.

We have interesting times ahead for the show society with a few major improvements on the grounds set to unravel in the coming years. This has been only possible through the implementation of a master plan through the show grounds management committee. This in turn will help us secure much needed grants that will be imperative to the long term sustainability of the show grounds. If there is any budding grant writers who are bursting at the seams to help out, please let us know.

In an attempt to keep our show vibrant and exciting, we have some exciting changes that are set to unravel at our 2020 show. We welcome a new group of enthusiastic Beef Cattle exhibitors that have come on board to assist us in our show, a committee that I am genuinely excited to work with. We also have Lyndsay Lack taking on the role of Entertainment Co-ordinator with many tricks up his sleeve and Kait Shultz taking on the Showgirl and Rural Ambassador Co-ordinator.

I anticipate a tough 2020 show, with many sponsors and exhibitors feeling the full blown effect of the drought. The committee has a tough time ahead ensuring that we run an event that unites the community in these tough conditions, the true underlining reason for us having a show. Now more than ever we need community support. We rely on every single donation to the show, from the \$5 donation to our Gold Sponsors, every cent goes back into running an event for the community.

Although many don't realise, the show helps many other community groups. Through the manning of gates, parking horse floats, cleaning the grounds or running the canteens and bar, we give back on average around \$25000 to local schools, sporting groups, Rotary, Lions and the Men's shed. The show society is not out to make large profits, we are here to work alongside our community... for our community.

I thank each and every person for your support though out the year, in particular I must thank the committee. I only took on this job with the inexperience that I have because I knew that I was working alongside such a competent team. I look forward to continuing my involvement in the Pittsworth Show and continuing working with you all in 2020.