



Hamilton District Agricultural Show Society Inc.

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President's Report - 2019

Broad hats, sunnies and sunscreen were out in force for the 2019 Hamilton Agricultural Show, as the Valley produced one of its signature blazing days. Despite the heat however, a committed army of volunteers, sponsors, competitors, judges and patrons ventured forth to support the 66th annual show. I'd like to thank everyone for turning up and helping, to promote the show, agriculture and the local community.

This year saw the official launch of the new show shearing stand with Minister for Agriculture Guy Barnett. Funds for the construction of the show shearing stand were provided to the Hamilton District Agricultural Society Inc. through the Communities Sport and Recreation Community Grants election commitment fund. Support for this project was also shown by Treadwell and Tas Rural Supplies through materials donated.

The stand is an important part of infrastructure to run the shearing competition. The shearers christened the stand with sweat, grit and determination and in the end, the open shearing competition was won by Josh Hazelwood. The shearing stand also hosted the inaugural 'junior speed sheep shave', where a mock flock was foamed and shaved by the junior farming fraternity – a hit for the competitors and the crowd.

Yet again the dog high jump was a crowd favourite. Local canine hero 'Bullet' was pipped at the post by 'Diesel', who's jump of 2.47 metres was a new show record!

The elegant equestrian events were run smoothly and gracefully. The steeds were kept cool, shaded and watered and the Two-Phase Championship was won by Phoebe Lazenby on 'Sugar'.

Despite their stature, the miniature goats' large personalities showed why people can't get enough them. The competition had an excellent turn out and the Champion Australian Mini Foundation Animal was won by Petit Paradis Lady Galadriel. Well done to Kirrasumm Kidz, for winning overall Most Successful Exhibitor and Most successful Breeder for this year's show.

There were many other excellent competitions and exhibitors and results can be viewed on the Hamilton show's website www.hamiltonshowtasmania.com. Congratulations to all the winners and competitors.

The show's success and longevity can only be attributed to the team of volunteers, sponsors, local council and supporters, without whom the show would not go on.

I hope to see you all at the show in 2020.

Will Chapman - President