



ASC OF NSW NEXT GENERATION NEWSLETTER

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November Shows

Albury Show	1- 3
Murwillumbah Show	1- 2
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President's Report



I'm very excited to be writing this report for the first ever Newsletter of the ASC of NSW Next Generation.

The goal of Next Gen is to secure the future of agricultural shows in NSW, which we strive to achieve by creating a network of likeminded young people, acknowledging young people who make notable contributions to the show movement and increasing opportunities for youth involvement at shows.

Country shows are a quintessential and distinct part of Australian identity – more than two centuries on from the first Australian agricultural show, shows remain a highlight of the year in communities and continue to bring people together.

In addition to their integral role in shaping and uplifting our cultural heritage, shows allow those involved in the agriculture industry to display their output and celebrate their achievements. Importantly, shows also enable people from all backgrounds to learn about agriculture, connect with the community and support local industries. Next Gen is excited to continue its on-the-ground work at shows across the state over the coming months, including through the Next Gen Ribbon program.

If you see any Next Gen members at a show, please feel free to say hi and introduce yourself – we're always more than happy to have a chat about our aims, what we do and how people can get involved.

I'm also incredibly glad to announce that our new website is up and running, so please keep an eye out to see a few new projects and initiatives we have in the works.

If you'd like to join or share any ideas, questions or suggestions, don't hesitate to get in touch! Looking forward to a fulfilling, successful season of shows ahead.

Nicola Franklin
President, Next Gen

Meet our Executive Committee



Nicola Franklin
President



Domonique Wyse
Vice President –
Delegates



Jaslyn Arens
Vice President – General



Zoi O’Neil
Vice President –
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2024 Group Delegates

Delegates facilitate youth engagement, provide a support network, and promote Australian agricultural industries through events. Regular meetings foster collaboration among delegates, enhancing our outreach and ensuring an inclusive environment for all members.

Group 1.	Far North Coast	Reny Dooley	Lachlan Foster
Group 2.	Mid North Coast	Jessica Kernahan	Montana Osborne
Group 3.	Hunter River	Bronte Talbot	Jaslyn Arens
Group 4.	Cumberland	Bronte Talbot	Lucinda Harvey
Group 5.	South Coast & Tablelands	Imogen Clark	
Group 6.	Far South Coast & Snowy Monaro	Florance McGufficke	Miranda McGufficke
Group 7.	Southern Highlands	Brielle Ayres	
Group 8.	Riverina	Michael Roffe	Brielle Ayres
Group 9.	South Western	Zoi O’Neil	
Group 10.	Central Western	Sally Turner	
Group 13.	Central Northern	Briony Looker	Gypsy-Lee Marshall
Group 14.	North West	Natasha Yeo	Brooke Muller
Group 15.	Next Generation	Nicola Franklin	Domonique Wyse



Next Gen was proud to see Group 8 Delegate, Michael Roffe, featuring in The Daily Advertiser leading into the 158th Wagga Show.

Michael, as part of Next Gen, said "getting more youth to understand the agricultural beginnings of a show like this is most important to keep shows like Wagga's alive."

Keep up the good work Michael!

[The Daily Advertiser, article by Jeremy Eager.](#)
[Photo by Tom Dennis](#)

A challenge from the classroom

Get involved in ag education



Domonique Wyse says other teachers don't leave a dinner party to go and check on the new chicks during a massive thunderstorm like ag teachers do. Photo: Karen Bailey

WYSE WORDS

BY DOMONIQUE WYSE

IT'S the job that goes much unnoticed. The hours working the farm, the hours in the classroom, the hours on the phone to industry professionals or vets, and the hours of paperwork to organise the excursions. Coming into this profession I had known that an agricultural teacher always had to put in the extra hours, but I'd never realised the full extent.

I have mates who are beginning maths, HISE and TAS teachers all of which put the extra hours into the classroom, but then they go home.

They don't get the phone calls on Sunday morning from the neighbours saying that the sheep are out. They don't have to leave a dinner party to go and check on the new chicks during a massive thunderstorm. They don't have to spend their holidays at work feeding, checking and watching over the animals.

Now, I've addressed the workload and been told that "that's just what ag teachers do" which is very true. We get in, we get the job done. But when is it going to be enough.

The expectation of what an ag teacher "just" does needs to be seriously discussed.

There are more agricultural teachers leaving the profession than joining due to the unrealistic expectations and this is a massive problem. I honestly love my job and I truly enjoy doing what I do for the students.

But I would not be saying that without the support from the most amazing farm manager and the best bunch of kids.

The agricultural industry needs agricultural teachers to keep exposing the next generation to all of the opportunities. Agriculture in schools needs to be industry relevant.

We must immerse students into it or else they will never learn the full magnitude of agricultural industry. But many principals

overlook the opportunities created and only denote an agricultural teacher who seems to be leaving work for excursions more often than not. Teachers are working with minimal resources, time and money. However, it's amazing how much can be achieved with a supportive community surrounding them.

So, my proposal to you.

If you're an industry professional, expert or leader then reach out to your local school and see if you can join them in the classroom, donate animals or offer advice.

If you're a principal, go and ask past agricultural students what they learnt most and where because I know that it was not in the classroom.

Thank you to all the ag teachers out there and thank you to those special ones who gave me the opportunities to achieve what I've accomplished so far.

Domonique Wyse is the 2024 The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman.

RAS Regional Show medals make a return

The RAS of NSW has announced the reinstatement of awarding medals to regional Show Societies in order to truly communicate their vision; to educate their community on the value of sustainable agriculture and improve the quality of agricultural produce and animal breeds through competitions.

This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise a significant contribution that someone has made to your Show Society and all Shows are encouraged to complete the application form.

TAREE SHOW SOCIETY

At the 2024 Taree Show, Next Gen Vice President (Delegates), and current The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman, Domonique Wyse, was honoured with the prestigious RAS of NSW Agricultural Shows Award.

Her passion, leadership and dedication to the Young Women Competition and Agricultural Shows across NSW is truly commendable. Dom is an inspiring role model for all rural youth and we are proud of her achievements.



Next Gen ribbon recipients

SINGLETON SHOW SOCIETY

Group 3 Delegate Jaslyn Arens recently attended the 150th Singleton Show where Kyle Kermode was awarded an ASC Next Gen Ribbon.

Kyle was nominated by the NAA for many amazing reasons. He is an active member in the Singleton community and the Town Band. Kyle has also become very involved in the Singleton Show and has taken on the important role of Ringmaster for the past three years.

After Jaslyn spoke with a few volunteers on the day about Kyle she could certainly see why he was nominated.

Kyle is a wonderful asset, to not only the Singleton community, but also the Singleton Show.



MORISSET LAKE MACQUARIE SHOW SOCIETY

Jaslyn also attended the 70th Morisset Lake Macquarie Show where she awarded Jamie-Lee Hawkins with an ASC Next Gen Ribbon.

Jamie-Lee's journey with Morisset Lake Macquarie Show started back in 2017 as a Junior Showgirl entrant. In 2019, she was awarded Runner-Up in the senior section, and then she went on to win the Young Woman Competition in 2020, 2021, and 2022. She went on to proudly represent her show at Zone Finals.

In 2023, Jamie Lee became the Junior Vice President of the Show Society and assisted with the Young Woman Competition. In 2024, She became the Vice President and Young Woman Coordinator.

Jamie-Lee was chosen for her passion and dedication to the Morisset Lake Macquarie Show, her continued support of the Young Woman Competition and for continued support in encouraging other young woman to get involved in the Agricultural Show Movement.



HAWKESBURY SHOW SOCIETY

October 2024 saw the presentation of a Next Gen Ribbon to Sharne at the annual Hawkesbury Show. Sharne has been involved in Agricultural Shows for many years, avidly competing with her horses from a young age at local shows and the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

In 2016, Sharne was selected as the Hawkesbury Junior Showgirl, going on to be awarded the 2018 Hawkesbury Young Woman, previously referred to as the Showgirl. From there, she has continued her involvement within the Show Committee, playing an integral role in organising the annual Hawkesbury Show.

She is currently the Chief Steward of the Social Media and Publicity Subcommittee, and of the Animal Nursery. She is also heavily involved with the organisation of the Young Woman and Rural Ambassador programs each year.



Who are Next Gen?

ASC of NSW Next Generation is the youthful extension of AgShows NSW and in this capacity has committed to a vision that encompasses youth and the role they play in the future of our Agricultural Shows.

For over 20 years Next Gen membership has continued to grow as more youth become actively involved in securing the future of the Ag Show Movement.

Every individual who becomes part of Next Gen brings to the table fresh ideas, enthusiasm and initiatives that shape the future of shows throughout NSW.

“We work together collaboratively in a fun and supportive environment, building social skills, communication and self confidence”



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