



ASC OF NSW NEXT GENERATION NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Shows

August Shows

Weethalle Show	17
Peak Hill Show	19 - 20
Condobolin Show	22 - 23
Ganmain Show	23
Parkes Show	25 - 27
Narromine Show	29 - 30
Barellan Show	30
Lake Cargelligo Show	30
Penrith Show	30 - 31
Wentworth Show	30 - 31

September Shows

West Wyalong Show	2 - 3
Grenfell Show	5 - 6
Molong Show	6
Finley Show	7
Woodstock Memorial Show	7
Hay Show	12 - 13
Wagga Wagga Show	12 - 13
Forbes Show	13 - 14
Quirindi Show	13 - 14
Ariah Park Show	14
Cudal Show	14
Silver City Show	18 - 20
Eugowra Show	19 - 20
Merriwa Show	19 - 21
Ardlethan Show	20
Nimbin Show	20 - 21
Young Show	21
Menangle Park Show	21
Canowindra Show	26 - 27
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Singleton Show	26 - 28
Dapto Show	27
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Lockhart Show	28
St Ives Show	28

2024 – 2025 President's Report

Nicola Franklin

Outgoing President, ASC of NSW Next Generation



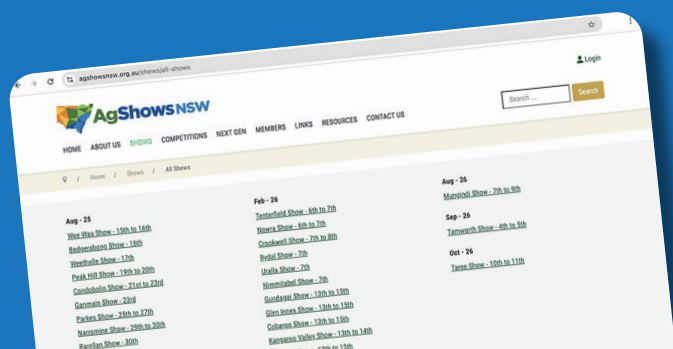
The 2024 – 2025 ASC of NSW Next Generation committee year has been both successful and productive.

Our membership has grown to an all-time high, testament to the ongoing enthusiasm for and dedication of young people to the agricultural show movement. This growth has been incredibly pleasing, and is an important step to fulfilling our goal of securing the future of agricultural shows in New South Wales.

One of the highlights of the past year has been the strong presence of our delegates at local agricultural shows across the state. They have represented Next Gen beautifully and have done a wonderful job at helping us create new networks and foster further connections with local communities. Similarly, the first Next Gen Young Farmer Challenge team did a fantastic job at representing our organisation and continuing to uphold our goals. I would also like to thank the entire committee for its outstanding ideas, innovation and collaboration throughout the year. All members have shown an inspiring level of commitment to and passion for agricultural shows and youth engagement, and I'm thankful to have learned so much from them this year.

It has been a true honour to serve as President of Next Gen, and I'm filled with gratitude. Having had this unique opportunity to work alongside such wonderful, committed, and passionate people is not something I have taken lightly; I will look back fondly on my time with Next Gen while continuing to cheer everyone on from the side. Together, our organisation has achieved many things we can be proud of, and I am excited to see all the new projects Next Gen undertakes in the years to come.

We would like to thank Nicola for her leadership. As President she played an integral role in the growth of Next Gen and the committee achieved many things while she was in the role.



Your new Next Gen Committee

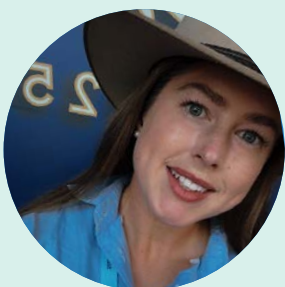
On Sunday 29 June, ACS of NSW Next Generation held our Annual General Meeting. We are excited to introduce our new committee and congratulate them on their Executive roles.



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Like to join Next Gen?

General Membership Form

<https://forms.office.com/r/LHT7E6j79T?origin=lprLink>

Junior Membership Form

<https://forms.office.com/r/Pzax3bD7uD?origin=lprLink>

Newsletter now bi-monthly

As of July our ASC of NSW Next Generation newsletter will now be published bi-monthly.

Our new bumper newsletter will have more information, results and members news. If you have anything you would like included in our newsletter, please email our Publicity Officer, Jaslyn Arens at publicity@ascnextgen.com.au

We would love to share your news with our members.





Main photo: Nex Gen members Gypsy Marshall, Briony Looker, Michael Roffe, Domonique Wyse, Bronte Talbot, Alexa Talbot, Jaslyn Arens and Tessa Parry.

Above: Bronte and Alexa Talbot participating in one of the many conference sessions.

Below, from left: 2025 The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Cassandra Bush, finalists Ninoska Birchall, Tessa Parry, Sophie Cargill, Claire Livesidge and Bonnie Cox.

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CAS2025 ... what a weekend

What a wonderful weekend in Armidale celebrating everything AgShows NSW.

Over 160 participants, including Next Gen members, converged on Armidale to attend the 2025 CAS Conference. AgShows NSW stated that it was their biggest and most engaging conference yet and thanked all who attended.

The weekend included Welcome Drinks with Next Gen, heritage tours, inspirational conference sessions, a Big Brekkie hosted by the Armidale and New England Show Society, and a wonderful Gala Dinner and Awards Night.

Congratulations to all award recipients:

President's Award Andrea Roth

Geoff Mayo Shield Group 11 (Western)

AgShows NSW Innovation – Technology Award
Dubbo Show Society

AgShows NSW Innovation – Event/Project
Coonamble Show Society

AgShows NSW Resilience Award
Gunning Show Society

Rising Star Award
Rebecca O'Brien – Morisset-Lake Macquarie Show Society

Living Legend Award
Alex and Joyce Brain, Finley Show

CAS2025

Click this CAS2025 link to view Speaker Presentations, Yarn Circle Briefs and photos.



Bungendore's youth leading the way at the best 'One Day' Show in NSW!



While Bungendore show might be well over 60 years old, its committee is currently led by two women under the age of 35.

President Ashley Meyer-Dilley and Vice President Lara Hewitt have taken over the reins and alongside their committee on Sunday 26 October 2025 are set to deliver the best one day show in NSW.

While Ashley briefly held the position of Bungendore Show President during the pandemic, Lara stepped into the role at the beginning of the year. Together it will be their first time delivering the show, though they won't be the only ones taking on a new role this year. Jamie Crowe, a keen seamstress, is also under 35 and in 2025 will be leading the charge as Chief Pavilion Steward.

Supported by a very experienced and capable committee, Ashley, Lara and Jamie are looking to encourage Bungendore's youth and young adults to get involved in their local Ag Show which has been known to draw in crowds of more than 3,500 people.

Bungendore has a long history of encouraging young people to take part in shaping their local show. As it gets harder for shows to bring in the next generation, Bungendore is working diligently to share the load across volunteers to ensure young members are well supported and can balance full time employment and family responsibilities.

With only three months to go, Ashley, Lara and Jamie (pictured below) are hoping this approach will help bolster youth members for show day and into the future.

*Tops: Lucy Kirk and Sophie Baxter
Above: Cassandra Bush with AgShows NSW President, Jill Chapman.
Below: AgShows NSW Nicki Seeto, Sarah McGregor and Lyndy Cornwell.
Bottom: Attendees catching up with those they know and making new friends at CAS2025.*



Applications now open for the 2026 RAS Rural Achiever Award



2025 Rural Achiever Award winner James Stephens

Promoting future leaders

The RAS Rural Achiever Competition is a state-wide leadership program run by the RAS to recognise young leaders (20 – 30 years of age) who are working hard to make a significant contribution to their local community, show society and Australian agriculture.

The program facilitates valuable agricultural industry networking opportunities during the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Through this unique and esteemed platform, participants are enabled to further develop their leadership skills, create important connections, and promote the work they are doing within their area of country NSW.

Additional opportunities throughout the year include representing NSW at the National Rural Ambassador Award and the chance to partake in the unique exchange program to the Royal Adelaide Show.

The RAS Rural Achiever Award not only highlights the hard work and passion of these young leaders but also inspires the next generation to continue advancing rural Australia.

Applications close 29 August 2025

[APPLY](#)



FREE WEBINAR

THURSDAY 21 AUGUST

Public Speaking for Community Leaders

Want to speak with more confidence at your next meeting or event? Join this online session from the Institute of Community Directors Australia on Thursday 21 August (1 –2 pm AEST). Learn practical tips to calm nerves, connect with your audience and tell your story. Perfect for committee members, MCs, volunteers or those representing a Show!

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Save the Date: ASA National Conference February 2027

In our April newsletter, Bronte Talbot reported on her experience at the ASA 2025 National Conference, and said it was insightful and offered a wealth of knowledge from expert speakers from across the globe.

“I highly encourage anyone with a passion for agricultural shows to attend future events. This conference was truly a highlight and I am looking forward to the next one.” – Bronte

In 2027 the ASA National Conference is heading to Canberra and will run from 17 – 19 February. It’s shaping up to be a once-in-a-century celebration with the conference leading into the 100th Royal Canberra Show — a major milestone for the ACT and the AgShow community.

We can’t wait to see NSW well represented at what promises to be an unforgettable week of learning, networking, and celebration.

Mark it in your diary and stay tuned for more information.



Dom and Grace's adventure to Botswana

2025 RASC Next Generation Mission

Thanks to the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW, Next Gen's Domonique Wyse, Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman 2024, and Grace Pearce, 2024 Rural Achiever, went to Botswana in July to represent Australia as part of the 2025 RASC Next Generation Mission.

Dom and Grace's trip saw them immerse themselves in the vibrant farming community of Ghanzi and gaining firsthand insights into the beef export industry. While there they connected with inspiring, young, agricultural leaders from across the Commonwealth.

Grace said "I am so truly honoured to represent the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW in the Mission to Botswana. The agricultural industry has shaped my values, fueled my purposes and continues to guide my path forward. I am grateful and proud to be an Australian representative in Botswana exploring their agricultural show and industry, I am excited to exchange ideas and discuss agricultural practices."

From exploring a top-notch Droughtmaster cattle farm to spending a memorable afternoon with the Herero community at a local cattle post, Dom and Grace got a real feel for life on the land.

RASC Mission to Botswana 2025 – by Domonique Wyse

Grace and I are so grateful to the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW for supporting our once-in-a-lifetime journey representing NSW and Australia on the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth Mission.

Our trip highlights included:

- Joining RASC delegates in Maun and travelling to Ghanzi – Botswana's beef heartland
- Grace helping judge livestock at Ghanzi Agricultural Show
- Learning how breeding priorities adapt to harsh climates
- Visiting inspiring rotational grazing operations
- Exploring a local feedlot and seeing efficient, climate-adapted systems
- Spending time with a Bushmen family and learning about traditional knowledge
- Venturing to top-tier show, goat studs and a 1958 family butchery run by an incredible woman

The trip was an unforgettable experience of agriculture, culture and connection – and I made friendships for life.



Bound for National Championships in Adelaide

The Royal Adelaide Show, held from 1 – 7 September 2025, will host the National Young Judges finals.

This prestigious event will showcase the talents of young agricultural leaders from across Australia. Competitions will include judging in various categories like beef cattle, dairy cattle, grain, Merino sheep and fleece, meat breeds sheep and poultry. The event will also feature the National Rural Ambassador Award, highlighting the future of rural leadership.

Here is a spotlight on some of our NSW state finalists heading to Adelaide next month to compete for National Titles.



Young Grain Judging Heather Walker

From Grenfell, Heather's journey began in primary school at her local show and has grown into a deep commitment to the show movement. From junior judging to Showgirl competitions, she is now an active committee member and ag ambassador. She is a shining example of the future of agriculture.



Meat Breeds Sheep and Merino Fleece Judging Miranda McGufficke

Miranda will be competing in Adelaide in the both the Meat Breeds Sheep and Merino Fleece competition.

She hails from Cooma Show and has been a lifelong supporter of the show movement and is a former RAS of NSW Rural Achiever .



Dairy Cattle Judging Rhylan Russell

Congratulations to all the incredible young judges competing in the National Dairy Cattle Judging Championships in Adelaide, including Rhylan Russell of NSW. We wish Rhylan all the best in September.



Poultry Judging Bryson Lee

Bryson Lee, from Maclean, is a fourth-generation poultry enthusiast. His passion runs deep – from helping on his family's beef cattle property to winning junior judging titles across local and state shows, including being crowned Champion Junior Poultry Judge at the Sydney Royal Easter Show!



Rural Ambassador Grace Collins

At just 22, Grace's passion for agriculture has taken her from Sydney to the show rings of rural NSW, and into the classroom where she's inspiring the next generation of ag leaders.

Whether stewarding at the Sydney Royal Easter Show or mentoring young students, Grace lives and breathes the values of the show movement.



Dairy Paraders Lily Eagles

Lilly from Forbes is a regular on the show circuit, helping prepare cattle for her school and family friends.

"I won my paraders class at the Sydney Royal with my heifer Deluxe, then went on to be named Reserve Champion Parader. Now, I get the amazing opportunity to represent NSW in Adelaide."



Beef Cattle Paraders Jack Smyth

Jack is a young stock and station agent with MCC Chudleigh Dobell in Forbes.

"I started competing in the paraders when I was 14. I've been in agriculture my whole life and started showing cows with my school and then worked for Goondoola Livestock and Kianma Poll Herefords."



Ekka

ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW



Next Gen members in Brisbane

With the Royal Queensland Show, fondly known as The Ekka, in full swing it was great to see several Next Gen members in attendance. Whether competing or attending official functions it is wonderful to see support for our interstate Royal.

Domonique Wyse participated in the Feature Speckle Park Show and also caught up with the Queensland Country Life Showgirl entrants, while Emily Scrivener and her bull 'Buster' had great success in the Angus ring.

Our 2025 The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Cassandra Bush was also in attendance spending time with this year's Queensland Country Life Showgirl finalists. She joined AgShows NSW Jill Chapman, Nicky Seeto and Jody Nelson-Gleeson at the 43rd Awards nights for the announcement of this year's winner.



Walgett hosts judging day



On Sunday 6 July the Walgett Show Society Inc. hosted their fantastic Youth Judging Day,

All participants received a free breakfast before the day got underway, before beef cattle, Merino and meat sheep and Merino Fleece were judged.

At the conclusion of the day it was announced that both Amelia Fiechtner and Hannah Weber will now be heading to the AgShows NSW Young Judges Group 14 Final. Congratulations to Walgett Show for their celebration of youth, skills and community spirit.



Ambassador Development Day

As the heart of rural communities, agricultural shows have long stood as vibrant celebrations of tradition, talent and togetherness. On 12 July 2025, The Ag Group – South Coast & Tablelands was proud to host a dynamic day of connection, development and direction for the future of our shows.

The Ambassador Development Day and Annual General Meeting was more than just a meeting, it's was a rallying call for our next generation of rural leaders.

Kicking off at 9:00am, the Ambassador Development Day welcomed all TAG 2025 Ambassadors from Albion Park, Robertson and Milton Shows. This session was a chance to build confidence, grow networks and strengthen the collective spirit of young leaders shaping the show movement.

Simultaneously, the Rural Ambassador Meeting gathered representatives from all Group 5 Shows to explore the exciting opportunity of launching a Group 5 Ambassador Program for the 2026 season. The planning session marked a pivotal step in uniting our region and nurturing consistent ambassador pathways across the South Coast and Tablelands.

The conversation deepened as Imogen Clarke lead an insightful panel interview on *"Empowering Youth in Ag Shows"*. This open forum allowed all attendees and the public to explore how they can better support and elevate the voices of youth within the show movement. It's was a chance to listen, learn and be inspired by those driving change and because no good day is complete without community and connection, a BBQ lunch offered time to mingle, reflect and share ideas in a relaxed setting.

The day concluded with the TAG Group 5 AGM, where all members were able to participate, raise their voices and help steer the course of our group's future.

Events like these are vital in breathing new life into age-old traditions. By empowering our ambassadors, fostering regional collaboration and creating space for innovative thinking, we're not just planning for next year's shows, we're investing in the future of our rural communities.

Let's grow together, inspire each other and shape the future of Ag Shows.



Next Gen Photo Comp

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