



ASC OF NSW NEXT GENERATION NEWSLETTER

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May Shows

Warialda Show	8 – 11
Grafton Show	9 – 10
Hawkesbury Show	9 – 11
Gilgandra Show	9 – 10
Bourke Show	17
Orange Show	17 – 18
St Ives Show	17 – 18
Yeoval Show	20
Cobar Show	23 – 24
Bellingen Show	24 – 25
Wellington Show	24
Nyngan Show	25 – 26
Dubbo Show	30 – 1 June

Next Gen Photo Competition

Congratulations to Emily, our April photo competition winner.

We had four great entries for the month of April, but it was Emily's image captured at this year's Sydney Royal Easter Show featuring Young Woman State Finalist, Tessa Parry, and Buster the bull that was voted the winning shot.

Thank you to Annie, Jessica and Reny for your entries.

ENTRIES NOW OPEN FOR MAY.

PHOTO COMPETITION CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Photograph must be taken by someone under 35 in NSW. Anyone under 18 MUST have their parent/guardian's permission to enter.
- If the image features a person you MUST have their permission to share/enter the photo.
- Entries are to be submitted via the following Google form <https://forms.gle/emDnDN6iYsYZmSuw6>
- Entries for December's competition are open from 01/5/2025 to 23/5/2025.
- In the last week of each month, entries submitted during that time will be uploaded to our Facebook page. The image with the most likes each month will be featured in our 2026 calendar!
- Each month's winner will be announced via our socials, the winners of each month will be contacted via email towards the end of 2025 regarding postage details so you can receive a copy of the 2026 calendar. If we do not have enough images by the end of the year Next Gen may decide on bonus winners. They will be notified.
- By submitting your photo in our monthly competition you agree to us using the image in our calendar, on our social media and in our newsletters. Copyright remains with the author and full credit will be given.
- The competition is not affiliated with Facebook, Instagram or any other media platforms and is only run through the ASC of NSW Next Generation.

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RAS Youth Group Royal wrap-up

Report by Michael Roffe



The 2025 Sydney Royal Easter Show certainly felt like one for the history books with close to 900,000 people through the gate over the twelve days of the event, and over 22,000 entrants across the competition.

Although a long-time attendee of the Sydney Royal, I was fortunate this year to play a small part in the event as part of the RAS Youth Group, which is a group that works to engage young people in the Sydney Royal, and the wider agricultural movement. It's a fantastic opportunity and allowed me to learn and experience aspects of the show I was relatively unfamiliar with through opportunities to steward and support other sections.

Hats Off at The Royal

Some of the events the RAS Youth Group worked together for this year's show included Hats Off at the Royal, which brought over 120 youth onto the Cattle Lawns for a night of networking, learning, and fun all whilst fundraising for the RAS Foundation.

Young Farmers Challenge

We also put organised and ran the state final of the Young Farmers Challenge, as well as the administration of the RAS Youth Medal.

All Roads Lead to the Royal

Finally, over a fantastic three days, we provided a group of students from Narromine High School the opportunity and resources to visit the show. We guided the students around the show and they enjoyed many opportunities to go behind the scenes and interact with all aspects of the Sydney Royal.

The Sydney Royal is as much a networking opportunity as it is an agricultural event, and so as always was a fantastic opportunity to catch up with old friends as well as meeting many more new ones. Certainly there will be much to look forward to in 2026!



Above: Next Gen members at Hats Off at The Royal, from left Miranda, Florence, Bronte, Dominique, Lucinda, Jaslyn, Alexa, Jess and Emily.



Left: The ASC of NSW Next Generation Young Farmers Challenge team, Harry Brown, Jessica Kernahan, Bronte Talbot and Alexa Talbot. Our Next Gen team took out honours in the Academic Component of the competition, answering most correct answers of all teams.



Rural Achiever, Young Woman and Show Announcers



James Stephens
Royal Agricultural Society's Rural Achiever

James Stephens was announced the winner of the 2025 RAS Rural Achiever, following a big few days at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

James was speechless after his name was announced, alongside the seven other entrants. Growing up at Cronulla he said he always wanted to work in agriculture and after studying at Tocal College at 18 and "never went back".

James operates his own contracting business in the Dungog Shire.

Emily Lucas and Tasha Hurley
Show Announcers Academy Scholarship

Two standout finalists from The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman competition and the Royal Agricultural Society's Rural Achiever Award have won the 2025 Show Announcers Academy Scholarship

Emily Lucas, Cooma, and Tasha Hurley, Condobolin, were named as the 2025 recipients at Sydney Royal and will be stepping behind the microphone, seizing a new, exciting opportunity in show announcing. Congratulations to you both.



Cassandra Bush

The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman

Congratulations to Cootamundra's Cassandra Bush, winner of the 2025 The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman competition.

An agriculture and law graduate from the University of New England, Cassie currently works as an associate lawyer in a commercial law firm in Sydney, specialising in the catastrophic injury and large loss insurance sector.

Sophie Cargill, Dubbo, was named The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman runner up. Sophie is a physiotherapist at Dubbo Hospital, and is passionate about rural allied healthcare accessibility.



Above: The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Cassandra Bush, Cootamundra, and The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman runner cup Sophie Cargill, Dubbo. Below: The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW 2024 Young Woman runner-up Paris Capell, Orange, and The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW 2024 Young Woman Domonique Wyse, Taree. Photos by Elka Devney.



Next Gen members at the Royal

Successful Show for Jessica Kernahan

Next Gen member Jessica Kernahan had a very busy 2025 Sydney Royal Show.

This included volunteering for the Central District Display and showing grain maize with her family. Jessica's family, who have been showing for over 80 years, won Champion and Reserve Grain Maize Cob and first for their Open Pollinated Red Hogan.

The team of Central Volunteers, which Jessica is a member of, received first for display and second overall. She also had the opportunity to steward the Flower and Garden section and competed in many of the youth events with much success.

Her results this year include:

- Champion – RAS Horticulture Young Judges Competition
- First – RAS Young Soil Judges Competition
- Fourth - RAS/AgShows Grain Young Judges Competition State Final
- Fourth – Semex Dairy Youth Challenge
- Fifth – RAS/AgShows Meat Sheep Young Judges Competition State Final

Jessica also competed in:

- Young Farmers Challenge, team Next Gen
- RAS/AgShows Fruit and Vegetable Young Judges Competition
- RAS Poultry Young Judges Competition
- RAS Angora Goat and Mohair Young Judges Competition
- Backyard Scarecrow Competition

Congratulations Jessica on your success.



Success in the Cattle Ring

Congratulations to Emily Scrivener with exhibit The Station Angus T106, more fondly known as 'Buster', for winning Reserve Champion Senior Angus Bull at this year's Royal.



Above: Bronte Talbot (left), pictured with announcer Sammie Cormie-Smith, officiated at the Royal, stewarding for the Show Jump section. Above right: Alexa and Bronte Talbot. Below: 2024 Young Woman Dominique Wyse pictured with, from left, Yvette, her mother Dana, and Tanja.



Celebrating AgShows

Armidale • 20 - 21 June 2025

BOOK NOW! Join AgShows NSW in Armidale for an inspirational weekend of networking and celebration. The AgShows NSW Awards celebrate the extraordinary individuals, Show Societies, and innovations that drive the success of agricultural shows across our state.

Event Highlights

- Friday** Heritage Tour and ASC of NSW Next Generation's Raise the Bar Welcome Event.
- Saturday** Inspiring debates, yarn circles, expert panels and networking, ending with Sundowners and a Gala Dinner
- Sunday** Relaxed Big Brekkie hosted by the Armidale Show Society.

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Nine members nominated for Rising Star Award

Congratulations to the following Next Gen members who have been nominated for the AgShows NSW 2025 Rising Star Award. We wish you all good luck and thank you all for your contribution to your local Show and the wider AgShow community.

Alicia Gersbach	Blayney Show Society
Briony Looker	Armidale Show Society
Ella Robinson	Maclean Show Society
Emily Scrivener	Walcha Show Society
Florance McGufficke	Cooma Show Society
Jess Fearnley	Bathurst Show Society
Miracle Urban	Dungog Show Society
Samantha Taylor	Griffith Show Society
Tess Crossley	Orange Show Society

Show Announcers Academy Workshop

Lyndsey Douglas – The Agricultural Emcee

Elevate your announcing skills at this informative and hands-on workshop. Secure your place now!

Friday 20 June 3.00 – 5.00pm
Armidale Showground \$90 per person
Learn race calling, event prep and marketing yourself.

[RESERVE YOUR PLACE](#)



Welcome to Next Gen ...

After moving our membership application forms to Microsoft Forms, the process has been simplified and this is reflected in the number of new members.

We are excited to see this continue to grow into the future. Our newest Next Gen members are listed right. For those who have applied but are not listed, you will be included in our next issue.

Do you know someone who is 18 – 35 years old and involved in their local Show, whether as an organiser, official or competitor? If so, we would love you to invite them to join Next Gen.

[GENERAL MEMBERSHIP](#)

[JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP](#)

- Alicia Gersbach
- Charlotte Moriarty
- Emily Clunes
- Hannah Russell
- Harry Brown
- Katie Roslyn Voigt
- Olivia Hinds
- Olivia McGaw
- Rylee Schaefer
- Samantha Taylor
- Tammy Walker
- Victoria Clutterham

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