



NEWSLETTER

of the Agricultural Societies Council of South Australia



AUTUMN SHOWS

2025 AUTUMN SHOW SEASON

FEBRUARY - MARCH

- ANGASTON
- LUCINDALE
- MANNUM
- MUNDULLA
- TANUNDA
- MAITLAND
- MOUNT PLEASANT
- MOUNT BARKER
- KAROONDA
- KEITH & TINTINARA



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of SA Country Shows was held on Friday February 7th at the Adelaide Showground.

The following positions were filled at the AGM:

President: Mr Michael Scott

Senior Vice President: Mrs Amanda Lock

Junior Vice President: Mrs Julianne Wandel

Immediate Past President: Mrs Rosie Schultz

Executive: Ms Taryn Mangelsdorf, Mr Nic Tremaine, Mr Nic Rodda, Ms Rhiannon Atkinson and Mr Josh Wiltshire

Secretary: Mrs Kaye Butler

Treasurer: Mr Keith Colyer

ASA Delegates: Mr Michael Scott and Mr Peter Angus

Youth competitions co-ordinator: Mrs Jacqueline Francis

Sub committee chairs

Finance: Mr Michael Scott

Fundraising & Sponsorship: Mrs Amanda Lock

Publicity & Promotions: Mr Nic Tremaine

Symposium & Annual Dinners: Mr Nic Rodda

Cookery Competitions: Mrs Julianne Wandel

Ambassador Awards: Ms Taryn Mangelsdorf

Young Judges: Mr Josh Wiltshire

Constitution and Operational protocol: Mr Keith Colyer

Access and Inclusion: Ms Rhiannon Atkinson

On behalf of SA Country Shows we would like to thank Rex Liebelt for his years of service on the executive committee.

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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Many country shows and their volunteers have been recognised at Australia Day Award Ceremonies around the state.

Congratulations to the Show Societies who won the **Event of the Year** for their 2024 Show.

- Port Lincoln Show
- Eudunda Show

Congratulations to all committee members, volunteers and past or current Ambassadors that were awarded **Citizen of the Year** or **Young Citizen of the Year** for their towns or councils.

- Susan Girdham, Melrose Show
- James Kreig, Gawler Show
- Emma Gallagher, Naracoorte Show

Well done to all involved!



Promoting and Supporting education in all fields of agriculture and horticulture.

Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA Inc



ROYAL AGRICULTURAL & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

The RA&HS contributes to the promotion and success of South Australia's primary industry through the staging of events and the rewarding of excellence.

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AROUND THE SHOWS



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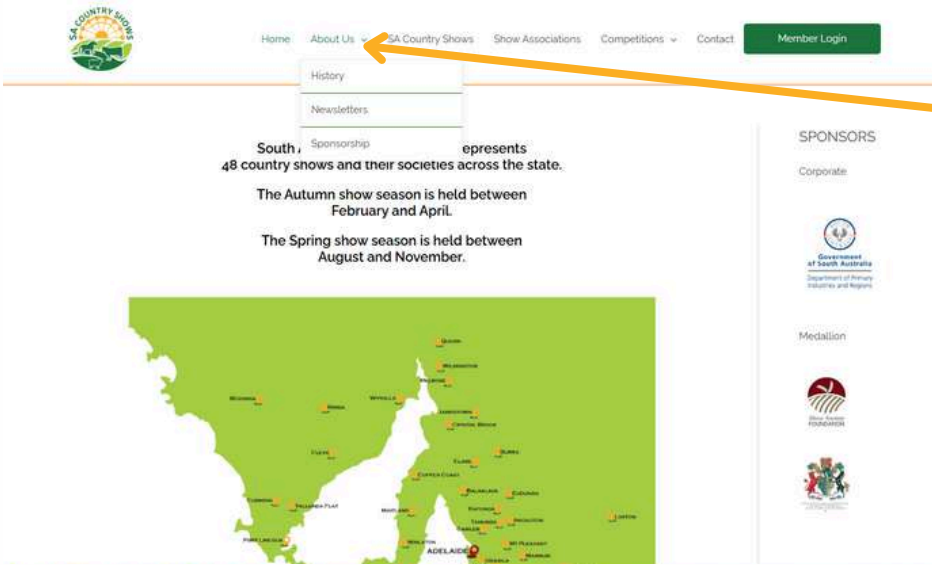


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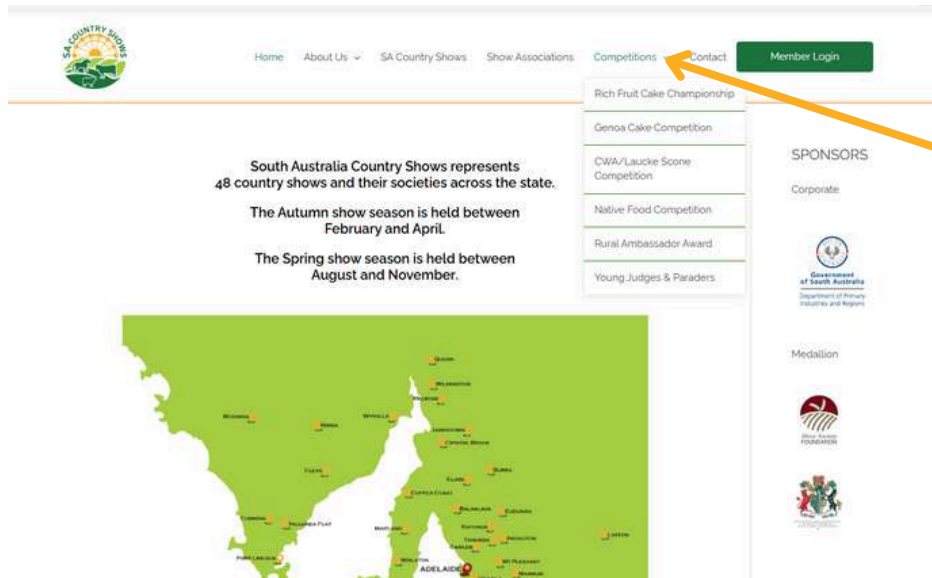
WEBSITE TIPS



Have you seen the recent website updates?

Check out the new About Us drop down menu that features information on the:

- History of SA Country Shows
- Newsletters - all editions in one convenient location
- Sponsorship - recognising our fantastic sponsors and information for prospective sponsors



Are you seeking information on the SA Country Shows statewide competitions?

See the Competition drop down menu for information about the following competitions:

- Rich Fruit Cake
- Genoa Cake
- CWA/Laucke Scones
- Native Food
- Rural Ambassador Award
- Young Rural Ambassador Award

Don't forget...If you need to access your show's **Member Login** please contact the Secretary, Kaye, to keep your show's information up to date on the website, and to access all the important forms in the **Members Login** area.

ASA CONFERENCE



Did you attend the [Agricultural Shows Australia National Conference?](#)

Send us through your photos or conference highlights for us to include in the next newsletter.

ASA Conference Team Photo 2025!!!

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GETTING TO KNOW THE PRESIDENT



Name: Michael Scott

Committee Position: President and Finance Chair

Home Show: Pt Elliot. Past President, Life Member & Horse Convener.

Show and Association Positions: Southern Country Shows Assn. Past President, Life Member.

Background: Michael has lived and worked on the family farm near Middleton all his life. He has been involved in equestrian sport since he was 5yo, starting at the Pt Elliot Show as a competitor and later as a convener and committee member. He has been president of Pt Elliot Show on several occasions and was on the subcommittee for the redevelopment and rebuilding of the showgrounds. He was the co convener of the horse section at the Mt Compass Show. Also a delegate to, and president of, the Southern Country Shows Assn and instigated the Annual Awards Presentation Night. He has been on the Ag Council State Committee for many years, with a few breaks along the way, before becoming the current President. During that time, he instigated the Country Shows Stand at the Royal Show and the Rural Ambassador Programme. Michael represented the Ag Societies Council on the EFA (later the ESA) State Board for many years and was a member of the RAHS Council, Light Horse Committee. Michael has spent a lifetime in the Emergency Services (Ambulance, Fire and Rescue), serving terms at various times on the boards of both the SA Ambulance Service and St John SA. He has been an Elected Member of the Alexandrina Council for three terms and assists with the Riding For the Disabled – Southern Fleurieu Riding Programme.

Country Shows are a great Australian Tradition which have been running for over 200 years. We must continue to nurture, manage and adapt them to ensure they retain their relevance in changing times. Covid really shone a spotlight on the value of shows to their communities. The ongoing increase in attendances is testament to this.

Favourite food: Beef

Pet peeve: Inconsistency

Favourite thing to do at a country show: I like to look at every section and display to see how they run their show, then sit down with a strawberry milkshake and watch some showjumping and catch up with a few friends.

Areas I can help with at a show:

- Governance
- Promotion & Marketing
- Horse Issues
- Volunteer Management
- Innovation
- Event Management

FROM PIRSA

\$5,000 grants to help connect drought-affected communities

Apply now for events that foster community social connections and provide support



Grants applications are open until Monday 31 March 2025, and events must be held by 30 June 2025.

Apply for a grant now <https://ow.ly/kceo50UiK84>

INDAILY

40 UNDER 40

YOU'VE EXPERIENCED THE EVENT FIRST HAND! WHO DO YOU WANT TO SEE ON THE STAGE AT 40 UNDER 40 THIS YEAR?

The 40 Under 40 Awards celebrates the passion, vision and achievements of South Australia's young entrepreneurs and leaders.

After experiencing 40 Under 40 first hand, we are inviting you to nominate a worthy person under the age of 40 to take the stage in 2025.

Visit the website for more information to nominate someone by 17 March 2025.

<https://solsticemedia.com.au/40-under-40/>

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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 2 May
Executive meeting

Friday 11 July
Symposium

Friday 11 July
Youth Presentation Dinner

Friday 1 August
Delegates meeting

Friday 29 August
Cookery Competitions State Finals

Sat 30 August - Sun 7 September
Royal Adelaide Show

Tuesday 2 September
Annual Awards Dinner

Friday 5 September
National Championship Gala Dinner

Friday 21 November
Executive meeting

ASSOCIATION FINALS DATES

Northern Agricultural Shows Association of SA
29 March 2025 - Jamestown

Murray Lands Agricultural Shows Association
27 April 2025 - TBC

Southern Country Shows Association
17 May 2025 - Murray Bridge

Kangaroo Island Shows Association
to be advised

SE of SA & Border Show Societies Association
12 April 2025 - Keith

Central Districts Shows Association
10 May 2025 - Angaston

Yorke Peninsula Shows Association
18 May 2025

Eyre Peninsula Shows Association
to be advised

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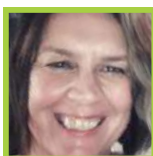
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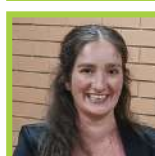
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