



2023 NOWRA SHOW YOUNG WOMAN COMPETITION

INFORMATION PACKAGE

for

ENTRANTS and SPONSORS

All information contained within this information package is correct at time of printing. Any changes will be at the discretion of the Nowra Show Society and will be communicated to Entrants.

Note: All events outlined in this Information Package will be subject to Public Health Orders and COVID Restrictions. All participants will be kept informed by the Coordinator regarding any changes or additional entry conditions.

Nowra Show Society Inc

Young Woman Competition

General Information

Introduction

The aim of the Young Woman Competition ('Competition') is to find a person most suited to represent the young rural women of her local area.

It is not a beauty pageant. Entrants should have a genuine interest in rural NSW and the involvement of women in their local community.

The contestants are judged on personality, confidence, ambition and life goals, general knowledge, rural knowledge, presentation and speech. Candidates are also asked to demonstrate an understanding of their local community and current affairs.

Being a Competition entrant means being involved in your local Show; presenting prizes, sashing livestock, speaking with media and generally being in the public eye. The presentation of the Young Woman entrants in the main arena is a major attraction to our Show.

The winner of a local Young Woman Competition is selected by a panel of three judges who are nominated by the local Show Society. The panel will comprise of a mix of judges, male and female with local backgrounds and also from outside the district.

The Young Woman Winner retains the title for one year until the next Show and performs various tasks which could include opening the Show, public speaking, presenting prizes for winners in agricultural events, assisting in organising the next Young Woman Competition and encouraging entry by speaking to potential candidates.

Following an entrant's success at their local Show, the entrant award the title of 2023 Nowra Show Young Woman will then proceed to the Zone 2 Judging Final on Saturday 18th February 2023. Camden Show Society will host the Zone judging this year.

From here, State Final representatives are chosen to attend the State Final judging for The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Competition held 6th April – 17th April 2023 at the Sydney Royal Easter Show with the State Final Presentation on Sunday 16th April 2023.

Prizes for 2023 State Final include;

(Please note prizes are subject to change without notice)

- **1st Place** - \$7,500 courtesy of Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Ltd and The Land newspaper
- **2nd Place** - \$3,500 courtesy of the AgShows NSW and the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

All State Finalists receive:

- Seven days in Sydney during the Royal Easter Show – expenses paid (expenses include accommodation in Sydney, meals and travel within State Finalists itinerary)

The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Competition aims to find a young woman to act as an ambassador for rural and regional NSW, with her role involving many official and informal duties, both at the Sydney Royal Easter Show and during her travels interstate and overseas.

Entry Requirements

- The competition is open to those who are permanent residents of Australia
- Entrants must be women aged from **18 years to under 26 years as at 1st May in the year of the State Final (i.e. 2023)**
- Entrants must reside, be educated, or work within New South Wales for at least three months prior to their local competition to qualify to compete within the State.
- Only candidates nominated by an Agricultural Show Society are eligible for Zone and State Final judging.
- Previous entrants in the competition are eligible to enter, however they are not to have been one of the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd placegetters in a previous State Final.
- The following individuals are not eligible to enter the Competition:
 - Staff, Directors and Councillors of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (“RAS”)
 - The daughters of the Staff, Directors and Councillors of the RAS and AgShows NSW.
 - Current Rural Achiever applicants for the 2022 Sydney Royal Show
- Winning entrants who are employed or engaged in full time studies will be required to obtain a leave of absence to attend Zone and State Final Judging.
- The winning is requested, where possible, to represent the RAS, AgShows NSW and their local Show Society at Agricultural Shows.
- All entrants are to abide by the Code of Conduct, as set out by the RAS and AgShows NSW, when acting as an ambassador for the RAS, AgShows NSW, or their local Show Society. Refer to Page 12 of this document for the Code of Conduct.

Outline of Events

2023 Nowra Show Young Woman Competition

The following summary is intended to provide an overview of the various activities and events that collectively comprise the Nowra Show Young Woman Competition. Further details on each event can be found on Page 8 onwards.

- Confirmation of Entry - Please return completed entry form to the Coordinator by Saturday 5th November 2022.
- Confirmation of Sponsor – In consultation with the Coordinator, ideally by Saturday 5th November 2022.
- Development Day - Sunday 6th November 2022, Nowra Showground Committee Rooms
(*Note: Venue subject to change*)
- Judging Lunch and Interviews – Saturday 26th November 2022
 - Lunch – 12pm *Venue TBC*
 - Interviews – from 1.00pm *Venue TBC*
- Nowra Show Young Woman Presentation Dinner - Saturday 26th November 2022, *Venue TBC*

Entrants will receive a complimentary ticket to the Presentation Dinner. Entrant Sponsors will receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the Presentation Dinner. Additional tickets for family and friends will be available via Try Booking (details to be provided)

Entrants arrive at 6.00pm (for photographs) and other guests 6.00pm for 6.30pm

- Nowra Show - Friday 10th February and Saturday 11th February 2023. Attendance at the Show for the entire weekend is encouraged however the below events are compulsory unless approval is given by the Coordinator
 - Official Opening - Friday 10th February 5.00pm – 7.00pm (TBC)
 - Sponsors Ute Parade - Friday 10th February (TBC)*
Entrants will be introduced to the Show whilst being driven around the main arena in utes provided by Show sponsors.
 - Young Woman Presentation - Saturday 11th February (TBC)*
Entrants will assemble at the Horse. On this occasion girls usually wear the outfit they wore for the Presentation Dinner.
 - Nowra Show Baby - Entrants are invited to make a presentation to the first baby born during the Show at Shoalhaven Hospital Maternity Unit. The exact date and time of this presentation will be confirmed once a baby has been born.

* Times will be confirmed the Show program has been set. Entrants will be advised as soon as possible.

If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact Jessica Apperley, Coordinator on 0418 961 783, showgirl@nowrashow.org.au

Duties of a Nowra Show Young Woman Entrant

Before and after the Nowra Show...

All entrants are expected to attend both the Development Day (Sunday 6th November) and the Judging Day (Saturday 26th November). Should there be any issues with attendance at either of these events, please speak with the Coordinator ASAP.

In addition, all entrants are asked to be available on weekends during January to assist with the pre-sale of Nowra Show entry and raffle tickets. This commitment will only be for a few hours, at least one weekend during January. Further details will be available closer to the date.

Entrants are warmly encouraged to attend the annual Nowra Show Luncheon to be held mid-2023 (Date TBC). This is a great event to meet members of the Nowra Show Society and to continue being involved with the Society.

During the 2023 Nowra Show ...

Entrants are encouraged to spend as much time as possible at the Show on both days to attend various events/activities and to present ribbons to exhibitors in a variety of sections. This may include horse events, cattle judging, pavilion and poultry exhibitions and woodchop events. Stewards will assist you with these duties, which are warmly welcomed by competitors and spectators.

Entrants may also be asked to help in the *Nowra Show Society Family Café* or *The Kids Zone*, at entry points selling tickets or assist in distributing programs at various locations throughout the Showground.

This is a chance for entrants to experience a 'behind the scenes' look at the Nowra Show.

Enclosed in this information pack is an availability form for each entrant to complete. A roster will be drawn up for the two days to give entrants an idea of the aspects of the Show they can be involved in.

Entrants are requested to always wear their sash whilst at the Nowra Show.

Many previous Entrants have remarked much they have enjoyed being involved in the Show in this way. Visitors at the Show are always very keen to speak with entrants and this is a great way to connect with members of our community.

Entrants are encouraged to attend the Nowra Show as much as possible throughout the course of the two days. Attendance at the Official Opening on Friday 10th February and Presentation Saturday 11th February is expected. Should you have any circumstances which may inhibit your attendance at these events, please speak with the Coordinator ASAP.

Duties of the 2023 Nowra Show Young Woman

In addition to the duties of a Nowra Show Young Woman entrant listed above, the 2023 Nowra Show Young Woman will be required to attend the Zone 2 Final on Saturday 18th February hosted by the Camden Show Society. If unable to meet this requirement, the Winner will be replaced by the 2023 Runner-Up.

During the twelve months following the announcement, the 2023 Nowra Show Young Woman will be invited by the Shoalhaven City Council to attend various Civic Receptions as an ambassador for the City and for the Nowra Show Society. Attendance at these functions is strongly encouraged.

The Nowra Show Young Woman will be invited by the Nowra Show Society to be an honorary member of the Young Woman Committee during her term as Nowra Show Young Woman. Meetings are usually held Sundays 9am – 11am approximately once a month. The Nowra Show Young Woman is warmly encouraged to attend the monthly Management Committee meetings of the Nowra Show Society, held the first Thursday of every month commencing 7.30pm at the Nowra Showground.

Further, the Nowra Show Young Woman will be required to act as a chaperone for the 2024 Nowra Show Young Woman entrants by attending the Development Day, Judging Day and Nowra Show Young Woman Presentation Dinner (generally 1st Sunday and 3rd Saturday in November; exact dates TBC). From time to time the Nowra Show Young Woman may be asked to meet with prospective entrants to assist with their preparations for the Competition.



2020 Nowra Showgirl Entrants
(Credit: Nowra Show Society)

Entrant Sponsorship

All entrants are sponsored by a local business chosen by either the individual entrant or linked through the Show Society.

Sponsorship of an entrant covers all costs associated with the entrant's participation in the Competition and will provide a young woman the opportunity to be part of this prestigious and rewarding competition, as well as supporting one of the longest running community events, being the 146th Nowra Show.

The sponsorship package of \$550 (inclusive of GST) includes the following:

- **2 complimentary tickets** to the Nowra Show Young Woman Presentation Dinner to be held on Saturday 26th November 2022
- **Business name** included in 2023 Nowra Show promotional materials and advertising including Digital Marketing, Social Media and Website.
- **Business name** included on in the Nowra Show Young Woman Presentation Dinner Program
- **Two complimentary tickets** for entry to the 2023 Nowra Show
- **Invitation for two** to attend the Official Opening of the Nowra Show on Friday afternoon and to join the Committee for drinks and nibbles
- **Three public address announcements** across each day of the 2023 Nowra Show
- **Public acknowledgement** at the Nowra Show Young Woman Main Arena Presentation in front of a capacity crowd

Additional information regarding sponsorship, is available from the Coordinator showgirl@nowrashow.org.au.

Development Day

Sunday 6th November 2022

Venue: Nowra Showground Committee Rooms 8.30am – 3.30pm.

This day is designed for current and potential future entrants of the Nowra Show Young Woman Competition to gain further information about the competition. Invitations are also extended to other Show Societies which offers the opportunity for young women to meet, socialise and broaden their knowledge of our neighboring communities.

Sessions throughout the day will address questions about the competition; give advice on dress, hair, makeup and etiquette as well as tips for improving public speaking and interview techniques. Participants will also be provided with opportunities to enrich their knowledge about agriculture in the Shoalhaven. A detailed program will be provided closer to the date, and will be subject to COVID restrictions.

The day is relaxed, informative and all who attend say it is a worthwhile experience. Anyone is welcome to attend even if they decide not to enter the Competition this year.

Morning Tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided. Participants are asked to convene at 8.30am at the Nowra Showground Committee Rooms and it is anticipated the day will conclude by 3.30pm.

Dress for the day is casual, including footwear suitable for farm visits (COVID restrictions permitting).

Judging Lunch and Interviews

Saturday 26th November 2022

Venue: TBC 11.45am – 3pm (estimated)

The Judging Lunch and Interviews for the Nowra Show Young Woman Competition will be held on 26th November 2022.

Entrants are asked to meet the Coordinator and 2022 Nowra Showgirl at 11.45am.

A lunch with all entrants and the panel of three judges will occur from 12.00 – 12.45pm.

Entrant interviews will follow lunch, commencing from 1.00pm. Each entrant is interviewed for approximately 15 minutes by the judging panel. Each entrant will be required for approximately 30 minutes for the judging (although interviews will likely only be 15-20 minutes) and are requested to be there at the time allocated. Judging will be completed in time for entrants to return home and prepare for the Presentation Dinner in the evening.

The dress for this occasion should be Business Attire.

Questions asked by the judges might include:

- About yourself:
 - Tell us about your work?
 - Hobbies, sports, interests, and social life.
 - If still a student they may inquire about your studies and future plans
 - Future goals and ambitions.
- Questions regarding this area:
 - Primary production, Industries, Local areas of interest
- Current affairs topics
- General knowledge
 - Who is the Premier, Local Members of Parliament, Mayor of the Shoalhaven

Judges are asked to allocate points as follows:-

Personality	15 points
Confidence	10 points
Ambitions and Goals	10 points
General Knowledge	15 points
(Local, Australian, International)	
Rural Knowledge	15 points
(General, Local, Show)	
Personal Presentation	10 points
(Grooming, Diction & Speech)	
Volunteer/Community Participation	15 points
On-Stage Interview	10 points

Further information about how to prepare for the Judging Lunch and Interviews will be provided to all entrants at the Development Day.

Nowra Show Young Woman Presentation Dinner Saturday 26th November 2022

Venue: TBC 6.00pm – 9.30pm (estimated)

This evening is an opportunity for the entrants to invite family and friends to enjoy dinner, entertainment and allow them to demonstrate their social expertise in a more relaxed environment.

Entrants may invite family and friends to attend the Dinner, with tickets available to purchase on Try Booking (details to be provided). A complimentary ticket is provided for the entrant and two (2) complimentary sponsor tickets.

Entrants arrive at the venue by 6.00pm when group and individual photos will be taken.

Entrants will be presented with their sash which is to be worn during the evening and at the Nowra Show.

Entrants are presented to the guests at the Presentation Dinner in the same order as they are judged.

The 2022 Showgirl will present each entrant with flowers who will then be escorted to the stage by their sponsor. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening will introduce each entrant and then conduct a short on stage interview. This is an opportunity for entrants to exhibit their public speaking abilities with support from the MC, and forms part of the overall judging.

Dress for the occasion is semi-formal

At the conclusion of the evening the 2023 Nowra Show Young Woman will be announced and will be presented with her sash by 2022 Nowra Showgirl, Ms Imogen Clarke.

At the discretion of the committee a Runner-Up and Second Runner-Up may be announced depending on entrant numbers.

Young Woman Presentation – Nowra Show Saturday 11th February 2023

Venue: Nowra Showground 7.00pm

Entrants will make their way from the Committee Rooms to the Horse Box by 7.00pm (TBC) on Saturday 11th February.

Entrants will enter the main arena and make their way around the Showground via transport provided by the Nowra Show Society.

On arrival at the centre of the arena, you will be escorted to the stage, where the entrants will assemble alongside the Coordinator.

The compere for the evening will introduce each of the entrants; this is to acknowledge the achievements of all entrants.

As well as an address by the Nowra Show Society President, the 2023 Nowra Show Young Woman will also be asked to speak briefly. The presentation will culminate in the drawing of the Nowra Show Raffle.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the girls will be led from the stage by the 2023 Nowra Show Young Woman.

***NB: Any of the above details may be subject to change at the discretion of the Nowra Show Society.
Entrants will be informed of any changes as soon as possible.***

Nowra Show Young Woman Entrant Code of Conduct

1. Behaviour

Decorum and a high standard of behaviour must always be exhibited, to all persons, whilst representing a local Show Society, the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW or AgShows NSW. This also includes behaviour towards fellow entrants.

2. Language

Suitable language must always be used whilst in public and representing the Show movement.

3. Clothing

Entrants are to be suitably attired at a standard recommended by the organising body.

4. Itinerary

All State Finalists are to partake in and adhere to the planned itinerary whilst in Sydney.

5. Accommodation

Whilst at the State Final, only Finalists and their parents will be permitted entry into the hotel rooms without permission of the Chaperone.

6. Code of Conduct

Any entrant, at any level, who breaches the Code of Conduct may be penalised and/or lose her attained title.

Sample Judging Score Sheet

NAME: _____ SHOW SOCIETY: _____

JUDGING CRITERIA	COMMENTS	POINTS
PERSONALITY		/ 15
CONFIDENCE		/ 10
AMBITIONS & GOALS		/ 10
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (Local/Aust/Intl)		/ 15
RURAL KNOWLEDGE (General, Local, Show)		/ 15
PERSONAL PRESENTATION (Grooming, Diction & Speech)		/ 10
VOLUNTEER/ COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION		/ 15
ON-STAGE INTERVIEW (if applicable)		/ 10
TOTAL		/ 100



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ENTRY FORMS

Entry forms can be provided to entrants as word documents for ease of completion. Please contact the Coordinator to obtain a copy.

Please return forms A, B & C by Saturday 5th November to:

Jessica Apperley
Co-coordinator
showgirl@nowrashow.org.au
24 Hoskin Street
NORTH NOWRA NSW 2541

Ph: 0418 961 783

FORM A CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

I,, accept the following Conditions of Entry:-
print your name

1. The Competition is open to those who are citizens or permanent residents of Australia.
2. Entrants must be female aged from **18 years to less than 26 years as at 1 May in the year of the State Final.**
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 - c. Current Rural Achiever applicants for the 2022 Sydney Royal Easter Show.
7. Winning entrants who are employed or engaged in full time studies will be required to obtain a leave of absence to attend Zone and State Final Judging.
8. The State Final Judging will take place in Sydney from Tuesday 6th April 2023 and conclude on Monday 17th April 2023, with the State Final Presentation on Sunday 16th April 2023 at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, Sydney Showground. Finalists will be guests of the RAS whilst in Sydney, but will be required to pay their own travelling expenses to and from Sydney.
9. The winner of the State Final and the first runner-up (2nd place getter) will be asked to remain in Sydney as guests of the RAS until Thursday 20th April 2023 to perform official duties at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Other finalists may leave Sydney on Monday 17th April 2023 after all official Functions.
10. The entrant authorises the RAS, AgShows NSW and their local Show Society to incorporate any photograph and quote/s of the entrant in any public display (not limited to posters, footage or photographs) in connection with the promotion of the RAS, AgShows NSW, local Show, The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Competition, the Sydney Royal Easter Show and the associated events in general.
11. All entrants are to abide by the Code of Conduct located at www.rasnsw.com.au/sydney-royal-competitions/competitions/the-sydney-royal-young-woman-of-the-year/about as set-out out by the RAS and AgShows NSW, when acting as an ambassador for the RAS, AgShows NSW or their local Show Society.
12. The Conditions of Entry shall constitute the whole agreement upon which an entry is submitted and the entrant agrees that all representations and statements not appearing herein are excluded.
13. In consideration of the RAS accepting this entry, the entrant hereby indemnifies the RAS, AgShows NSW and the entrant's local Show Society against all claims losses suits and demands made against or suffered by the RAS, AgShows NSW or local Show Society by

reason of any act or omission on the part of the entrant and that the entrant agrees that any act or omission on her part found in any action against the RAS, AgShows NSW and local Show Society to be negligence shall be deemed to have been negligence for the purposes of any claim under this indemnity.

14. The entrant hereby admits and acknowledges that she will participate in the Competition wholly at her own risk and hereby releases, holds harmless and indemnifies the RAS, AgShows NSW and the entrant's local Show Society including their servants and agents and Competition organisers at all levels in the terms of this release and indemnity contained in the Conditions.
15. It is a condition of entry that the entrant waives any right to claim against the RAS, AgShows NSW, local Show Society, Competition organisers at all levels or any sponsor or provider of prizes in connection with loss or injury suffered by the entrant or in relation to the decisions and directions of judges, stewards, officials and RAS staff and Councillors.
16. It is a condition of entry that in the event of the entrant suffering injury or loss or claim for compensation as a result of the entrants' actions, the entrant will fully indemnify each of the RAS, AgShows NSW, local Show Society and the Competition organisers at all Competition levels including any sponsor or provider of prizes, judges, stewards and officials.
17. The entrant acknowledges that Sydney Showground and other venues operate surveillance cameras for the safety and security of individuals and property in accordance with the Workplace Surveillance Act 2005.
18. The entrant will exercise reasonable care when performing tasks in a way that ensures the health and safety of themselves and others and will comply with the Work Health and Safety Rules of the RAS.
19. The entrant must disclose any medical condition/s reasonably expected to restrict tasks to be undertaken during the Sydney Royal Easter Show. The required information includes but is not restricted to dietary requirements, allergies, existing medical conditions and emergency contact details
20. Failure to comply with any of the above regulations may result in disqualification from the Competition.
21. The entrant understands that any aspect of the Competition may be subject to change amendment or cancellation occurring at any time and thereby making the information incorrect. Subject to the RAS' legal obligations and responsibilities.

I hereby apply to enter The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Competition in terms of and upon the conditions set out in the Conditions of Entry, which I have read and by which I agree to be bound in all respects including my admission to and presence on the Showground.

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Signature of Entrant

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Date

I agree to provide the details of my **Emergency Contact**. I note that this person must be readily contactable throughout my time in the Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Competition. This person is:

Name: **Relationship to you:**.....

Contact Number/s:.....

PRIVACY INFORMATION: Information provided by you via this Form is used by the RAS and AgShows NSW to organise, process and conduct Competitions. Information may be collected electronically, via telephone or paper based and will be held securely at the RAS and AgShows NSW. By providing personal information, including but not limited to the your name, telephone or mobile phone number, or information concerning yourself, you consent to your personal information being used for this purpose including this information being made available to AgShows NSW, Local Shows, RAS sponsors, RAS Foundation, breed societies, the media, the public, promotional purposes, archival purposes, published in RAS, AgShows NSW or Local Shows publications and could be made available to third parties for the purpose of promoting the RAS, AgShows NSW or Local Shows or the Competition, or as otherwise required by law. Your details will be handled in accordance with the RAS of NSW Privacy Policy, a copy of which is available at www.rasnsw.com.au. You have the right of access to and alteration of personal information containing yourself in accordance with Privacy Laws. This may be done by contacting the Coordinator of the Competition, the RAS Privacy Officer on (02) 9704 1111, or in writing to the RAS, Locked Bag 4317, Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127. Should there be any complaints in relation to any of the RAS' processes and policies, the complainant should contact the RAS directly on (02) 9704 1111. All complaints will be dealt in accordance with the RAS Complaints Handling Procedure.



FORM B ENTRANT DETAILS

Name:

Address:

Email: Phone: (mobile/home)

Nominating Business:

IMPORTANT REMINDER: GIRLS MUST BE UNDER 26 YEARS OF AGE AS AT 1ST MAY, 2023

Date of Birth: Age (as at 1 May of State Final Year):

Occupation:

Name of Employer:

Education Details:

Schools attended:

Further Education and Qualifications:

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Hobbies:

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Sporting Interests:

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Community Involvement (if any):

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Ambitions/Goals:

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Reason for entering the Competition:

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Signed: Date:

