



HELENSVILLE

AGRICULTURAL & PASTORAL ASSOCIATION

Members Newsletter

May 2013

Annual General Meeting

The Helensville A&P Association 2013 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Showgrounds on Wednesday, 10 July at 7:30pm.

There are vacant places on the Executive to be filled and we invite nominations. The positions are for a term of two years, the time commitment is one evening per month, adhoc business through the year and as much time as you have available during Show time.

A Nomination Form and/or further information can be obtained from the Secretary, contact details below.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

**Wednesday, 10 July 2013
7:30pm @ the Showgrounds**

Membership 2013/14

Membership invoices will be sent soon for the 2013/2014 year. Timely payment of your subscription ensures you receive discount on Helensville Show entries, Helensville Show tickets and your District ticket which includes complimentary entry to other A&P Shows in the Northern District over the 2013/2014 summer season.

A good number of our members add a donation to their membership payment each year—this is greatly appreciated as it all goes to keeping the Helensville A&P Association, the Helensville Show and the Showgrounds running smoothly.

We keep the cost of joining at a very affordable rate, just \$23.00 per annum, and hope we can maintain this.

2013 Show Report

Saturday, 23 February dawned bright and sunny and just got better (and hotter, hitting 26 degrees in the middle of the day) as the day went on. The brilliant weather and relaxed crowds made for a great atmosphere and a lovely Show. With 6,700 people through the gate it was a similar crowd to previous years with a great mix of people from the surrounding community, both new and established families as well as plenty of visitors from "town".

There was an excellent level of entries across all the competition sections this year and it was great to see lots of Members entering classes. There were both new and established attractions on offer with a couple of the newer ones proving very popular with the children.

The Trade area was again filled with a variety of goods and services but also this year, a much higher representation from local community groups thanks to a new initiative by the Association to make a section of sites available to these organisations at no charge. Sponsors were also very well represented in the Trade area and we'd like to take this opportunity again to say thank you to all our Sponsors for their fantastic support. The Association supports Sponsors and local business wherever possible for Show and showgrounds related works and we would ask that Members do too.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the stewards, judges, helpers and volunteers as well as the providers of equipment and services who make our Show day such a success, every year.

Prime Minister, John Key, officially opened the Show before spending a couple of hours enjoying the sights and meeting the crowd. We were fortunate that he was also able to take part in the Association's Award presentation held on the Main Stage.

Congratulations must go again to Adelia Hackett and Jackie Milina, presented with Outstanding Service Awards and Hilary Bott and Thelma Falkner, who were awarded their Life Membership pins.

There was an additional and very special presentation made on Show day - probably the most well-kept secret in the history of the Helensville A&P Association! Life Member, Past President and current Executive Committee member Richard Bradly was presented with the New Zealand Royal Agricultural Society Award for Outstanding Service, the RAS' highest honour, for his extensive involvement in the RAS at Northern District level and the Helensville A&P Association. This award was introduced by Richard's son, Jordan, the current Helensville A&P Association President, who gave a moving and personal account as well as Hec Aitkenhead, a past President and long serving member of the Helensville A & P Association. Three generations, albeit from two families, on stage celebrating fantastic achievement for volunteer service in the Community.

Another wonderful example of community at work on Show day was the fundraising initiative by young Helensville resident and former Kaipara College Student, Kalib Lawes. Kalib raised a total of \$1,900 for children's cancer charity, Canteen, by having his head of long, curly locks snipped of piece by piece by a paying crowd - the honour of the first snip going to the Prime Minister himself!

So everyone, at the conclusion of another wonderful Show season, please put Saturday, 22 February 2014 in your diaries now - it's sure to be another great day at the Helensville A&P Show!

Images from Show Day 2013



With thanks to Dave Addison of Dash Design
for the great photos.

Our Sponsors

We are extremely thankful for the support of this year's Sponsors. We were delighted to welcome some new Sponsors on board and thrilled to see some former Sponsors returning. We are grateful for the continued support of those Sponsors who have continued to support us through trying economic times. We could not do this without you and we encourage our Members to support these businesses throughout the year. Do let us know if you are interested in joining our Sponsorship family.

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