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By the date of publication, there will only be a month until the historical 170th anniversary Toodyay Agricultural Show on **Saturday 5 October**.

The Show Schedule books are out late this year, and we must apologise, especially to the Members for this delay. The Schedule programme is itself delayed but as soon as it is ready to upload on the website, everyone will have access. The cost of the Schedule has gone up to cover costs this year to \$5. Both the Schedule and Entry Form can be downloaded and printed off our website – many do that now as there is only a maximum number printed, 300 per year; so if you are not a TAS Member and get it in the post; you'll need to grab your own book quickly from either the Visitors Centre, Toodyay Shire Offices, Makit Hardware or the Toodyay & Districts Community branch of Bendigo Bank.

Entry forms, along with a bank receipt of your fee deposit; can once again be emailed direct to our Show Recorder, which saves on time for everybody. If you do not want to take up this new option however, you can still drop entry forms with the correct money in a sealed envelope at the Toodyay Visitors Centre. **Entry forms will be accepted up to 12 pm Saturday 29 September. Please lodge entries early.**

Now is the time when all the marvellous cooks in the district come out to cook the batch of biscuits, bake that traditional Show Schedule Cake or the President's Favourite Recipe, which this year is a "Dundee Cake" and I will give it another practice shot myself this weekend. We've all got plenty of time to practice and if you bake a cake that you believe would win that Gold "TAS Best Exhibit" Sash, freeze and enter, just make sure that the exhibit is totally defrosted on the day of the Show. The Bread section was very bare last year, so if you have a bread maker, throw a mixture in the night before and see how it goes. Bread makes for a wonderful exhibit and then they love it at the Auction later in the day. Give Cookery a go, everybody benefits.

Our **Stewards Pre-Show Meeting** will be held on either **Saturday 14 September** at the **Youth Hall 9am**, followed by a lovely morning tea. The Show Recorder & Schedule Coordinator, Brendan, will be available, so if all willing and able Stewards could make it along, it would be beneficial when we go through the Judging File as Brendan will be there to answer queries relating to data input on the day and the collation of the file. There are a few new Stewards this year; so please advise me if you **can't** attend and we can catch up on another day. I will be sending the regular bulk email around to all the Stewards to confirm the dates and meeting agenda in the next week.

Progress with the historical Showgrounds Bar building hasn't been mentioned as said progress has been slow, but we are all thinking positive. We are holding our collective breath and will wait to see what can be done together with builder and the Shire, to ensure that the Showgrounds Bar will once again be in action for this years' big 170th anniversary Toodyay Agricultural Show.

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