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TOODYAY HERALD, December 2024, by Alison Wroth

On behalf of our retiring President, Karen Dore, Committee and membership of the Toodyay Agricultural Society (TAS) we would like to thank you all for supporting our very successful 170th Anniversary of the Toodyay Agricultural Show. What a celebration it was!! Absolutely blessed with a superb day for the Show, an incredible crowd came in record numbers to view our historic Agricultural Show and even without the Stuffed Spud Van; it was a day worth attending.

It is well known that it has become harder than it used to be organising any type of event, let alone our Agricultural Show in the last few years, prior to and post Covid. Depending on the weather; to pull them off with a deal of Committee satisfaction and possibly profit at the end of the year is becoming very difficult. This is why we at the Toodyay Agricultural Society, especially those who sit on the organising Committee; appreciate the loyal support, backing and funding by the community to keep our annual Show running. It was an exceptional Show this year so we hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Our Sponsors are definitely worth their weight in gold as without them, new ideas for the Show might be unable to be presented on the day. The Sponsors give us the benefit to follow through with these dreams to provide a bigger and better Toodyay Show. This is worth all the effort on the day and we send our heartfelt thanks to ALL Sponsors, big or small, that bestow support to TAS throughout the year and even after the Show.

We are hoping the new elected Committee after our AGM in February 2025, will be keen to set to work to organise an agricultural Show that is highly commended near and far as the Autism friendly Show for entertainment, trade displays, family involvement with local produce, both agricultural and craft; in our buildings that were built for purpose; at the most historic and scenic Showgrounds in the State.

We do need some interested people who would like to assist us on the organising Committee for the Show next year however. A few of our people are leaving the team, they have served their time well with us and hopefully multi taskers and people friendly team players will be keen to take on positions at the AGM in Feb 2025. No experience necessary! No longer will our Committee meetings have Elaine Finn, Rick and Pauline Mallick (Admin Officer), Liz Boston, Lani McGeedy, Damien Davis, myself or Wayne Fletcher seated at the table. Both Fletch and myself decided to retire last year after a lengthy stay at the crease; BIG decision; but we are hoping that a new generation of ideas and individuals, locals to direct and lead the Show for the community into the future are on the doorstep.

For anybody who is interested in joining the oldest community group in Toodyay and (being a bit biased) one of the best committees around, please consider helping to organise the Toodyay Agricultural Show in 2025. Spread the load, take on a job that you are skilled in and the event that the Committee plan will be another one for the history books.

To wind up this year, and being my last column for the Toodyay Agricultural Society, I will see you on the Showgrounds.

Alison

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