

NEWSLETTER

=====DECEMBER 2016=====

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The 128th Maffra Show was another fine example of aim to be a Traditional Country Family Show. The entries to the Pavilions and Poultry were at levels not seen for some time. The French theme was a great initiative, which enhanced the Food and Wine Court.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to extend a large thankyou to the Maffra and District community for their support, the ongoing loyal sponsors and the hundreds of volunteers that make the Show what it is.

We now look forward with enthusiasm to the 129th Maffra Show on October 27th and 28th 2017.

PAVILION

Entries for the pavilion increased this year with over 2000 entries received. Local primary schools supported the pavilion as school schedules were given out to the schools early this year.



Mrs Joan Laws Trophy for Best Exhibit in the pavilion was awarded to Annika Godfrey from Heyfield.

Gwen Coffey trophy for Best Exhibit in Needlework was won by Mrs Morrie Spooner Maffra. "Rainbow Cake with a Twist" was judged by local Jo Castles. Open section 1st Kerrie Coey Sale, 2nd Celina Gray Newry. Junior Section 1st Elise Hunt Stratford. Elsie is a steward in our primary Arts and Crafts pavilion. Floral Art Special Class "Coastal Treasures" 1st Sue Bedggood Maffra. We thanked Margret Scott on 40 years as a Cooking Steward in our pavilion. Many thanks to our sponsors

EQUESTRIAN

The Horse arena events were held on Friday 21st and Sat 22nd October, the weather forecast was a bit off putting to a few, but the horses competing on Friday had beautiful weather and the grounds were excellent for the two days. We had rain Friday night, then Saturday morning met us with sunshine again. We stayed fine until just after lunch, with most rings finished for the day. A big thank you to all the competitors who came and a big thank you to all our wonderful Judges and Stewards who came prepared for sunshine and rain. Supreme Led Exhibit:

Kriley Park Keepsake – Kristie Missen

Supreme Ridden:

DP Amazing - Paynter and Landmeter Family

Special Thoroughbred:

DP Amazing - Paynter and Landmeter Family

Off the Track: Provence - Melanie Cooke.

SHOWJUMPING

Brian Daly memorial Best presented rider combination: Sophie Crooke Jack Williamson most consistent: Rose Stacey.

FOOD and WINE COURT

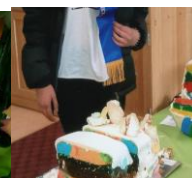
The French food and wine court was buzzing starting with the Pate and Frog in the Pond competition judged by Chef Tanya Bertino from the Long Paddock.



Karen Humphris won with her chicken liver pate with jelly.

Café escargot provided a demonstration on how snails are grown and prepared, providing patrons with a sample to try. Many patrons were pleasantly surprised at how delicious snails really are. The school cook off was fun for children who made choc truffles learning the concept of ganache by Tania. Coco the clown deemed Maffra Primary School the winner. Marcel Marceau surprised patrons with her antics.

Gippsland Grammar French students entertained the crowd with French songs and a range of interactive activities. Ced Le Meledo braved the weather, playing guitar. Patrons then enjoyed a more intimate



accordion performance under the Marquee when the weather was wild. The French smells continued with many cooking demonstrations including French cheese, chocolate, duck rere and classic French tarts. A full range of French cuisine was on offer and people enjoyed warming up with a glass of award winning wines.

Happy hour absolutely rocked, despite the wet weather, due to

the big sound from the Rusty Rockers. The inaugural jingle competition was a real highlight with Gippsland Grammar student Ben Harms winning the \$100.

SCHOOLS FRIDAY

Approximately 200 local primary school children enjoyed our 9th annual School's Friday. They rotated through sessions provided by the CFA with the Smokehouse, sustainability

activities with the Wellington Shire, the Eco Hub alternative energy trailer, Gippsland Water relay and Tammy Logan from Gippsland Unwrapped. As well, we were supported by Mulgowie and Salad Express with our Vegetable Activity, Craft Activities and Card Making. Many thanks to our wonderful schools who support us and our committed presenters.

MAFFRA MILE

MAFFRA MILE - FEMALE

1. Jessica Mayne 5.37

MAFFRA MILE - MALE

1. George Lancaster 5.06

BEEF



Beef entries were down significantly this year, however the quality of the entries was exceptional. Andrew Manson was the owner of the supreme exhibit.

DAIRY

Good entries (44) were received this year with the ever popular calf rearing competition being a favourite event. Good sponsorship and some new stewards and helpers saw these classes well contested and conducted.

GOATS

The goats were again a real crowd pleaser with the antics of the kids always worth watching. Entries were up with 52 class entries

ARTISTIC PROJECT



Once again the Maffra Show Artistic Project has produced some novel images for the Show.

This year 20 artists have used their diverse talents to create images on wooden cut out goats. Previous years Cows, Chooks, Pigs and Dogs have been painted by local artists volunteering their time and skills to enhance the Maffra Show's Food and Wine court.

A variety of materials have been used with many images having a double meaning, are a play on words or just wild and fancy. Thanks to our sponsors this year: Maffra Pre Cast, Sale Sign Torque and Avon Timber and Roofing.



POULTRY

It has been a successful year in the Poultry Pavilion with 225 entries with 211 birds exhibited on the day. Exhibitors travelling from as far as Warragul and Bruthen.

The unfortunate change in the weather was however to our advantage, encouraging a steady flow of observers throughout the day. Hopefully encouraging some new poultry fanciers for next year.

Our experienced Judge Mr Brad Power was impressed by the birds exhibited and put up Softfeather Large Black Orpington Cockrel by S. Ford as Bird in Show. Reserve Bird in Show went to a Hardfeather Bantam Malay Pullet by W. Peachey. Junior Bird in Show was a Softfeather Bantam Black Langshan Cockrel by D. Hague.



There was a range of Rare Breeds ranging from Malay, Crevecœur and the Phoenix just to name a few.

All our exhibitors went home with a bag of goodies and this wouldn't have been possible without the support of our wonderful sponsors. Keysteel Kennels, Laucke Mills, DeeBee Ponies, Thomson Timber, GRP&GC Inc, Hague Family, Col Kincaid, Ford Family, Victorian Rare Breeds without them there are no prizes.

A thank you to the Maffra Girl Guides for their chook creations that filled our empty pens and also provided ideas for chook crafts.

Ideas were put forward from exhibitors and public on what can be done to make things interesting, so bring on 2017.

ECO CHALLENGE

The grand champion of the Eco Challenge this year was year 8 student Cody Pilgrim with his dog kennel, totally made out of recycled Materials. Other exhibits this year included Up Cycled Lamps, Norwex sustainable cleaning cloths as well as our regulars, the Gippsland Wood Turners (always a winner with the



kids), St Vincent de Paul, Wellington Shire Sustainability Trailer and their great display boards on the recycling process, the Eco Hub alternative energy trailer and Solar Panels. This year in the Pavilion we also had a presence from the Central Gippsland Health Service, Latrobe Valley Community Health Counselling and Carers Support and the Austal Hearing Bus which has been very popular over the last few years. Many thanks to the exhibitors and to The Maffra and District Landcare group for organising sponsorship.

A huge thank you to all sponsors and supporters of our show. They really do highlight the amazing community spirit of the Maffra district.

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