



## **Narrabri Show Society Showgirl Competition**

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Thank you for your interest in the Narrabri Showgirl competition for 2020.

The Showgirl Competition aims to find a young woman to act as an ambassador for rural NSW with her role involving many official and informal duties at the Narrabri Show and in our community.

It is not a beauty pageant. Most importantly the Showgirls must have a genuine interest in, and knowledge of, rural NSW. The Competition encourages the participation and subsequent awareness of rural women's contribution and involvement in both local communities and rural NSW as a whole.

In 1962, 20 young ladies entered the first Showgirl Competition. The Winner, Miss Margaret McKay, the late Mrs Margaret Pennefather, RAS Councillor, was awarded a sash, a silver tray and 250 pounds, as first prize. The competition has come a long way in its 50+ years and now, in 2020, approximately 300 young women annually enter the competition throughout NSW with competitions being held in 100 Show Societies. In 1966, Narrabri held its first Showgirl competition.

Junior entrants must be 14-17 years of age at the Narrabri Show.

Senior entrants must be 18-24 years of age as at May 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 and can be married and/or have children.

### **Judging**

Contestants are judged on personality, confidence, ambition and life goals, general knowledge, rural knowledge, presentation and speech. Finalists are also asked to demonstrate knowledge of their local community and current affairs and apart from their potential ambassadorial qualities, contestants are also judged on their involvement in and experience of rural affairs.

These prerequisites have not changed since the inception of the Showgirl competition in 1962, as the value of these skills has not diminished. The contestants continue to be young rural women with purpose and ambition.

The winning Showgirl of each local Show Society is selected by a panel of three judges and remains Showgirl until the next year's Show. She performs various tasks, which could include opening the Show and presenting prizes for winners in agricultural events etc. during the Show, which will be held on 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020.

Each local Show Society is a member of one of fifteen groups (Group 15, the ASC Youth Group, is a nongeographical Group). Two groups combine to form one of seven Zones that make up the NSW area. In February/March of each year, Zone Finals are held in which each of the Zones select, from all the winners put forward by each of the individual Societies, a representative for the State Final.

Should you proceed to the State Final, The Land Sydney Royal Easter Show date for 2021 is

26<sup>th</sup> March to 6<sup>th</sup> April.

**Prizes-**

All entrants will receive generous prizes provided by local businesses.

Our major prize for our Showgirl winner will be a Polish Works Standout Showgirl Retreat in Glen Innes.

**Dates-**

You will be required for the 18<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

The Showgirl judging will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April. The day will consist of 20 minute, individual interviews and a lunch for all entrants with the judges. The location and schedule will be advised closer to the date.

The Showgirl Cocktail Evening will take place at the Showground Pavilion at 6pm. Each entrant is presented at this event with the judges present and is part of the judging process.

The Society would like to extend an invitation to the entrants' partners and their family to attend the Cocktail evening and the official opening of the show.

Showgirl Entrants will receive free admission to the Show for the weekend and the Cocktail evening.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> May**

All Showgirls will be required to be at the Official opening of the Show on Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, where the announcement of the Showgirl winners will take place.

On the weekend of the show, all entrants will be asked to attend the Show to take part in various activities such as helping stewards with various events, meeting show dignitaries, sashing winning competition entrants etc.

**Clothing**

During the judging & lunch, it is recommended that you wear smart day-wear. For the Cocktail event eveningwear is recommended.

**How do I enter?**

Simply contact our Showgirl Coordinators Louise Stewart on 0427 561 689 or Trish Dandridge on 0429326066 or alternatively email [narrabrishowgirlcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:narrabrishowgirlcoordinator@gmail.com) for the entry forms. Complete them and return by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

Once your entry form has been received, we will then set up a time for the Narrabri Courier to interview you and take a photo for a profile piece in the newspaper.