



Narrabri Show Society Showgirl Competition

Thank you for your interest in the Narrabri Show's Showgirl competition for 2018. We hope you will enter the quest both for your own personal development and to also help the Show Committee to raise the profile of the Narrabri Show, along with being an ambassador for our local community and for women in rural NSW.

In 1966, the first Narrabri Showgirl competition was held. Since that time 52 young women have proudly worn the Narrabri Showgirl sash, with four going on to represent Narrabri at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney.

What is the Showgirl competition?

The Showgirl competition aims to find a young woman to act as an ambassador for Narrabri. Showgirl entrants must have a genuine interest in, and knowledge of, Narrabri and rural NSW. The competition is all about raising the awareness of the role women play in rural communities and rural NSW as a whole.

The winner of the Narrabri Show will also have the opportunity to compete at Zone level **(which will be held for the first time in Narrabri next year)** for a place in the prestigious The Land Sydney Royal Easter Showgirl Competition in 2019.

The Showgirl Competition is definitely not a beauty pageant. The competition is focused on the development of young women in rural NSW and encourages the participation and awareness of issues faced by women in rural NSW. Entrants must be aged from 18 to 24 years as at May 1st 2019, and can be married and/or have children.

What prizes are on offer?

There are some wonderful prizes on offer and every girl who enters receives something.

At a State level, there is a share of \$18,000 to be won. At a local level, many Narrabri businesses have generously donated gift and prizes for the Showgirl entrants, including Blooms on Maitland, Lady Gothique, Crossroads Hotel, Camstart Pharmacy, Barnes' Jewellers, Barrakets, NuYu, Baguley's Jewellers, Lush Hair & Nails, Lisa Dee's and McInnes Clothing – to name but a few.

How is the competition judged?

The winning Showgirl will be selected by a panel of three judges. Qualities the judges will be looking for include personality, confidence, ambition and life goals, general knowledge, rural knowledge, presentation and speech. Demonstrate knowledge of our local community and current affairs.

There are two components to the judging – a panel interview with the judges prior to the show, and an impromptu interview at a cocktail event the week leading up to the show.

What dates do I need to be available?

Dates that are of particular importance to Showgirl entrants – Sunday 29th April, Wednesday 2nd May, Friday 4th May and Saturday 5th May , 2018.

Sunday 29th April

The Showgirl judging will be held on Sunday 29th April. The day will consist of 20 minute, individual interviews and a lunch for all entrants with the judges. The exact schedule and location will be advised to each entrant closer to the date.

The judges will ask entrants about their lifestyle, work, interests, hobbies and ambitions. They may ask about the entrant's knowledge of Narrabri and the Shire, and the industries it supports. Judges may also ask general knowledge questions and for your views on current agricultural or political trends.

The local Tourism Information Centre is a good source of information for local news; newspapers, TV and radio provide current affairs; and The Land newspaper gives up to date information about the Showgirl competition and rural activities. Another source for rural activities is the TV program Land line.

Wednesday 2nd May

The Narrabri Show Society's Cocktail Evening will take place from 6:00pm at the Showground under marquee near the secretary's office. Each entrant will be presented at this event and the judges will be present.

The presentation will involve a short impromptu interview with each Showgirl entrant. The winner will be announced at the opening of the show on the Friday evening at 6:00pm.

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 dinner.

Friday 4th , Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th of May

The weekend of the show, all entrants will be asked to attend the Show to take part in various activities – helping steward events, meeting various show dignitaries, sashing winning competition entrants, help with morning and afternoon tea for officials etc. Showgirl entrants will have free entry to the show (tickets will be provided to each entrant prior to the show). Most things at the show are very flexible, so please talk to either showgirl coordinator if you have to work, are competing at the show or have some other commitments during the weekend. We can work around most things.

Some of the activities which all showgirls are requested to attend;

Friday 4th May - Official opening of the Show at 6pm.

Saturday 5th May - Take part in Grand parade in the evening.

What should I wear?

For the daytime lunch and judging, it is recommended that entrants wear a dress, skirt suit, or skirt and top. Wear something you feel comfortable in (while also looking well groomed). Remember, this is a somewhat conservative competition, so it helps to keep that in mind with your clothing choices. And don't forget your table manners during the lunch.

The cocktail evening is semi formal, so cocktail dresses are suitable, again keeping in mind to keep your outfit choice somewhat conservative. Make sure to wear your sash.

For the Show during the day, it is recommended that you wear skirt or pants, top and flat comfortable shoes. Although it is April, the Show can get very hot during the day and you will be doing a lot of walking.

Again, keep in mind that as a Showgirl entrant you are on show throughout the day, so please dress nicely. Jeans can be worn as long as they are neat and tidy. Entrant sashes must be worn at the Show – these will be presented to you on judging day, so keep them safe between then and the show.

So, how do I enter?

It's easy! Simply contact our Showgirl Coordinators Bec Cope on 0427 734 894 or email nbrishowgirl@hotmail.com for the entry forms, complete them and return as soon as possible.

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. This can be done over the phone if you are unable to get to the Courier in person.

Who do I talk to if I have any queries?

All queries, questions or requests for further information can be directed to Bec Cope on 0427 734 894 or email nbrishowgirl@hotmail.com