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Harcourts

RAS Newsletter

Cash bonus available from Harcourts for your favourite A&P Association or Breed Society on the sale of a referred listing!

As you will be aware in the latter part of the 2017/2018 show season, Harcourts joined the RAS as a Strategic Partner. Part of the support they are providing the A&P Showing Movement is the opportunity to capitalize on a referral system they are putting in to place.

Any 'referred' listing to Harcourts that is sold, will result in a \$500 fee paid out to RAS Head Office. (This is a fee that Harcourts will pay, it does not come off the property sale proceeds). RAS Head Office will then forward on \$400 to the nominated party e.g. Paeroa A&P Show.

This initiative also applies to the Breed Societies if they wish to be involved. 10 referrals would result in \$4000 for the nominated party, something that every A&P Show or Breed Society could do with.

Harcourts is working on a website link that can be initiated for the referral, and this link will also be placed on the RAS website. In the meantime, and for those who do not work with computers, when contacting your local Harcourts Office in regards to selling a property, you need to register the interest of RAS/A&P Show/Breed Society. State that you want to register the interest, and contact RAS Head Office so we can note this for you as well.

Note – a 'referred' listing can be a flat, investment property, commercial building, residential property, lifestyle block or farm.

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Harcourts – RAS Rural Ambassador Award

Applications have now closed for the 2018 Award.

Applicants are as follows:
 Northern District – Annaliese Goettler & Courtney Davies;
 Mid Northern District – Sophia Clark;
 Eastern District – Hannah Best & Sam Tipping;
 Western District – Corey Prouting;
 Central District – Johanna Smith, John Burrows, Hannah Wentworth & Willis Ritchie;
 Southern District – Lana Medder & Georgia Bell

Interviews will be held over the next few weeks with a pilot scheme being held in Eastern & Central Districts, where the interviews will be held before an audience as well as the interview panel.

Local Harcourts franchises are involved at district level, and have been very supportive.

Good luck to all the applicants, and we look forward to the finals at conference.

2017 Winner – Tabitha Hazlett had the following to say, “My very best wishes to all of the applicants. My journey to enter at district level, and to go through to the NZ finals was a huge experience in itself. To win overall and represent NZ is a great honour. I would recommend this Award to anyone who is open to new experiences and wanting to grow as an individual. Go for it!”

HNZ- RAS Conference Dates

Friday 23 June –

Conference Day 1 –
 Excursion & speakers

Saturday 24 June –

Conference Day 2 - Guest speakers, breed meetings, equestrian main meeting, UBS meeting, Ambassador interviews, Youth Council.

Sunday 25 June –

Conference Day 3 - AGM

Conference Information

All information is on the RAS website – www.ras.org.nz under About RAS

RAS Golden Fleece Exhibition



The Upper Clutha A&P Assn (Wanaka Show) is holding the Royal A&P Society’s National Golden Fleece Exhibition at the Lake Wanaka Centre for a two day exhibition on Friday 23 & Saturday 24 June, 2017 – in conjunction with the RAS Conference.

Thanks to sponsors PGG Wrightson Wool & Ravensdown

2017 NZ Ploughing Championships



RAS Executive member, Melissa Jebson recently attended the NZ Ploughing Championships held in Kirwee on the 22-23 April 2017.

The RAS proudly support these Championships and two of the prestigious RAS Gold Medals were awarded.

From left to right:

Bob Merthens, Timaru – Farmlands Fuel Reversible, Melissa Jebson, Darfield and Ian Woolley, Blenheim – Gulf Oil Silver Plough.

Our supporters and sponsors are important to us – thank you!





A few words from the RAS President – Geoff Smith.

Our thoughts go out to all those who have suffered at the hands of the weather over the last month or so. There can be no doubt that the climate has changed especially when we get a so called 1 in a hundred year flood closely followed by a 1 in 150 year event. Regardless of the cause, it just must be a gut wrenching feeling to have to flee your home as flood waters advance or be house bound because slips and floods have isolated you. I and the Executive team and staff wish you all the best in getting back to 'normal' soon.

The weather also affected shows, some having to cancel their event, whilst others struggled on in marginal circumstances. And of course we feel for HOY which got almost through the week before having to cancel the cross country and us having to cancel my personal favourite, the working hunter. Regardless, the showing section went without a hitch so a special thanks to everyone, including competitors, committee, RAS staff, volunteer judges and stewards for your part.

John and I were guests at the NZ Shearing Championships in Te Kuiti recently. All I can say is 'Wow'. The whole town gets behind that event and what a great combination of finals and entertainment it is. We had dinner with the officials and crew, a great team of volunteers, in many ways reflective of those who make our shows happen. Congratulations to the recipients of the RAS Gold Medals – Rowland Smith, Open Shearing and Joel Henare – Open Wool Handling.

And while on the topic of sheep, what a great article in the NZ Farmer (27 March) featuring "Old school farmer, Gilbert Timms talking about his sheep stud". At the start of the year, Gilbert, a long-time supporter of A&P shows, received the Queen's Service Medal for services to agriculture and the community. In the article Gilbert says of his beloved Perendales, "The breed has a reputation for being a bit wild and Timms acknowledges its free ranging spirit...They hang in there and have a strong will to live...they do well on hill country farms." Hmm. Could that be a great match? It was a great article Gilbert and you did an excellent job advocating on behalf of the Perendale. Next time we see each other remind me to tell you about my encounter with Sir Geoffrey when I was a student flatting next to him in Palmerston North.

I have travelled as much as possible over the show season particularly to special events. I have awarded special recognition of members and champions. And had great informative conversations with a variety of people, including organisers, volunteers, competitors and random members of the public. They have been pretty open and frank not to mention informative and educative.

If you have a special event this coming season, such as your 150th show or a special focus on a section, let me know, I would do my best to attend.

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support all members by
assisting them to achieve
their aims and objectives."

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Selection for the young equestrian team will be underway by the time this goes to press. Unfortunately, the Australians who were to host the competition this year have pulled out, so NZ has picked up the responsibility. Thanks to Kevin for his work on this competition and also to Canterbury for hosting the competition in NZ this year. It will be great to return the incredible hospitality shown to our youngsters in the UK and enjoy the international competition.

I will endeavour to get to all of the District Meetings. The job of Districts is to represent the RAS in the area, engage the members in the work we are doing and to also identify the local issues, working together to help strengthen the movement.

Probably in a first in the history of the organisation, competitor forums were held throughout the country and as a result, remits coming forward for voting will represent views of competitors.

I am looking forward to conference. Airfares are booked and we are taking a couple of extra days for a look around. I have been to Wanaka once before when Rachel Walker and I went over to facilitate a strategic planning session for the show a couple of years back. I was impressed by the team then and their plans for the conference are great. I hope we can have an ideas wall there where members, whether they are able to attend or not, send through a good idea from their show or breed organisation that might help or inspire others.

At the end of September I will be off to Melbourne Royal with our Team of Young Judges and Paraders. Thank you to Tabitha Hazlett, our Rural Ambassador, for agreeing to be the team manager. It is a great team and we wish them all the best.

Between now and then the Young Judges especially will appreciate expert advice and judging experience. They need to also practice their judging speech – confidence and a positive message about the placing makes a big difference. Hopefully we get a face book page up for them so you can learn more about them and offer them lots of support.

And then it's into the 2018/19 season, when hopefully I'll see many of you ringside.

Quote (Unknown Source) – "The strong-minded rise to the challenge of their goals and dreams. The weak-minded become haters."