



Wednesday, 18th March, 2020

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT from our SHOW PRESIDENT – Winston Johnston

On behalf of the Maleny Agricultural Show Society Committee, we regret to advise our Volunteers, Patrons, Officials, Competitors, Ambassadors, Supporters, Sponsors and Members that the **2020 Maleny Show has been cancelled.**

With the current environment, we feel it's the right decision, and the only one to make. The health and safety of our patrons, exhibitors and volunteers – indeed, the entire community of Maleny and surrounds – was paramount to our final decision.

This is the first time since 1965 that the show cannot go on. Drought was the cause of that cancellation, but this time it's a different story for us all.

We would like to thank the general public for their understanding and support of our show, and all Queensland Shows, as we make this very difficult decision.

We would like to pay tribute to our hard working show volunteers, who are disappointed that all their hard work to prepare for the show has come to this point. If it had been a normal year and we had gone ahead, we know we would have had a fantastic event. We'd hoped the Show would have been a special occasion for our farmers and locals to celebrate the recent good rain, so this cancellation is particularly disappointing in that regard.

We wish to deal with the emotional toll this will take on our members and patrons, and work hard to ensure the Show Society has limited financial impact for the future. We certainly intend to hold a show in 2021.

We are collating information on entries, trade, sponsorship and membership that have already come in, and will be working with these individually in the coming days. A timetable will be in place by the end of the week to deal with 2020 contractual matters, sponsorship, trade and refunds.

Halting the spread of COVID-19 is everyone's responsibility. We understand the frustration felt by the community but we are all in this together as everyone is being affected. Please be nice to each other, and not project your disappointments and frustrations onto our volunteers as it is out of their hands.

Sincerely,

Winston Johnston

Maleny Show Society – President 2020