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Everyone's a winner with grants for CQ local shows

Local shows across the state will continue to delight, entertain and connect communities with 130 show societies and associations receiving more than \$2.1 million from the Queensland Government's Show Societies Grants Program.

Member for Rockhampton Barry O'Rourke said the importance of the local show would be even greater in 2021, helping Queensland communities unite and recover from the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

"The local show plays an enormous role in bringing communities together to meet, compare, compete and most importantly, connect," he said.

Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga said with many shows having to be cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, their return would give local communities a much-needed lift.

"The local show is such an important part of the fabric of our regions, towns and cities, and offer a terrific opportunity for locals to showcase their produce, livestock and artisanship," she said.

"I appreciate the time and preparation involved in making each show a success and I applaud the work the show societies carry out, usually with limited resources," she said.

Across the region, the grants will assist Show Societies including:

- Capella and District Show Society - \$7,076
- Comet Sporting and Agricultural Show Society - \$6,940
- Emerald Show Society - \$24,280
- Marlborough Agricultural Show Association - \$6,551
- Mount Morgan Show Society - \$9,524
- Ridgeland & District S & A (Show) Association - \$6,856
- Rockhampton Regional Council for the Rockhampton Agricultural Show - \$52,537

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- Springsure P & A (Show) Society - \$8,484
 - The Caves Progress & Agricultural Show Society - \$7,173
 - Yeppoon & District Show Society - \$20,462

The Show Societies Grants Program provides financial support for operating costs associated with conducting annual agricultural shows, and costs towards the construction and maintenance of showground assets.

Additionally, Show Societies who own their grounds may use up to 50 per cent of their funding towards new infrastructure works that meet the required timeframe and program objectives.

Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies (QCAS) General Manager, Trevor Beckingham OAM said the funding was important in helping the show societies deliver the shows.

“Many of the smaller show societies in particular, would find it extremely difficult to conduct their local show without this assistance from the Queensland Government,” Mr Beckingham said.

“I’d like to thank the Queensland Government for its ongoing support, which will help in opening the gates once again.”

For more information: www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/ssgp

PHOTO: Brittany Lauga MP and Barry O’Rourke MP celebrate valuable funding for the region’s show societies.

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