



Presidents Report AGM 2018

Down to Agribusiness

The Kununurra Agricultural Society has seen some improvement in our situation over the last year. The caravan park remains operational; staff were retained longer in 2018 than 2017; the annual show ran successfully; and we have survived another year financially. Our cattle yards have received some much needed attention, hires information is up on our website, the pavilion made a small profit this year and KAS is a little way ahead compared with last year.

Regular showies, entertainers, local talent, community groups and local businesses provided a good range of sites, pavilion exhibits and diverse entertainment for the 2018 show. The Agricultural Dinner didn't run this year. This made things easier on the committee at showtime. Pizza night at the Country Club was reasonably successful, with about 40 attendees it came in well under the budget we had for it.

The Agricultural Society and Ag Show would not function without the dedicated work of the Committee and the support of their families, our Society Support Officer, caretakers, volunteers, tenderers and casual workers.

As volunteers with busy lives, the committee relies heavily on the support officer and caretakers, we barely function without them. We were very lucky to have Sharon Mason in the office all year, along with Peter & Anne Goodfellow as caravan park caretakers from March. Support is fantastic when we have it, and sorely missed when we don't: we will be very sorry when Sharon leaves and we hope to recruit a new person to start with some handover time before Sharon has to take off. We have received several expressions of interest for the support officer position in the last few days.

Committee members deserve more recognition than can be expressed here. I'd like to thank everyone for their constant and continued efforts in support of the Kununurra Ag Society objectives; especially committee members Jo Warren, Bonny Rugendyke, Penny Goldsmith, Chris Robinson, Charlie Biorac, Sarah Brett, Nev Symons, Ollie Salerno, Kym Slynn, Desanka Mijovic; non-committee showtime volunteers Chuck Berger, Di Robinson, Jane Normandale, Sarah Duguid, Kate Anders, Nav Salerno and absolutely everyone who helped with painting.

Finally, we've made it through some pretty tough times and we're (finally) a little way ahead as we begin the planning for our 47th show, so keep seeking additional life and committee members: it's paramount to the continued operation of this society and everyone who is willing to step up has talents we can utilise.

Wishing the incoming committee every success for 2019,

Kath Ryan

President