



*Young Woman Of
The Year Competition
2022*





History & General Information

The first Miss Showgirl competition was held in 1962, with twenty young female entrants participating in an effort to represent their region and presenting themselves as ambassadors for young women throughout rural New South Wales. The winner, Miss Margaret MacKay was awarded the title of the first “Miss Showgirl”. Margaret later went on to take a position as a Royal Agricultural Societies Councillor in 1997, whilst also continuing her involvement as a Sydney Royal horse competition exhibitor, steward, judge and committee member.

On Friday the 25th of June 2021, the Royal Agricultural Societies Council of NSW (RAS) announced a new name for what was formerly the Miss Showgirl Competition – The Sydney Young Royal Woman of the Year. Further to this, the Agricultural Societies Council of NSW (ASC) in conjunction with the RAS compromised on the name **Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman**, to recognise the role that both the Sydney Royal and agricultural shows play in uniting young women from across rural NSW.

In 2022, it gives the Rylstone-Kandos Show Society (RKSS) great pleasure to adopt the change from Showgirl to Young Woman of the Year. Embracing the evolution of the competition and reflecting on the history of the program, RKSS aims to encourage young women to put themselves forward as ambassadors for rural NSW by representing RKSS and our local region. The competition encourages participation and awareness of rural women’s contribution and involvement in local communities and rural NSW as a whole.

Entrants into the RKSS Young Woman of the Year Competition will have the opportunity to connect with members of the RKSS, sponsors, organisers and fellow entrants. The RKSS is excited by the opportunity to celebrate young rural women, in what is an exciting time for women in agriculture in our local region and at a state level. The competition will be run in weeks leading up to the show, with a day of judging in February to advance to the winner being announced at the Sponsor’s Dinner on the 18th of February 2022, where the winner will make a winning acceptance speech. The winning applicant is expected to be present on Show Days, February 25th and February 26th 2022, and will be involved in activities such as presenting ribbons, speaking with roving presenters, greeting guests and more Show Day tasks.

Entrants into the RKSS Young Woman of the Year Competition must be between the ages of 18-30, reside in the Rylstone-Kandos region and will be judged on their ambitions, confidence, interactions with others, knowledge of general and rural issues and current affairs and contribution to community.





Entry Form

Name:..... DOB:.....

Address:.....

Phone:..... Email:.....

Occupation:.....

Education details and qualifications:.....

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Community involvement:.....

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Ambitions, goals and passions:.....

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Hobbies and interests:.....

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Why would you like to become the 2022 Rylstone-Kandos Show Society Young

Woman of the Year?.....

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Timeline & Contact Information

Sunday 6th February

Applications for Young Woman of the Year Close

Friday 18th February

Interview Day & Winner Announced At Sponsor's Dinner

Friday 25th February

Friday Night Show

Saturday 26th February

Saturday Show

Please note these dates are subject to change, however as much notice as possible will be given to entrants in the event of any change. A schedule outlining the venue, time and other details of the Interview Day & Sponsor's Dinner will be released more closely to the day. Please return your application forms to the RKSS Young Woman of the Year coordinator, Gussie Dimasi, at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to meeting all applicants and are so excited to be running this competition in 2022!

Gussie Dimasi

Young Woman of the Year Coordinator

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