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It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 166th year of the annual Gawler Show, an event that has been running since 1854 and South Australia's largest regional show.

Planning for this annual event starts in January with a dedicated committee, members and volunteers busy planning the many activities on offer for the whole family to enjoy. The Town of Gawler, its Council Members and Community are proud to be long term supporters and sponsors of this wonderful event and to proudly share with you the very best of what's on offer throughout our community and in the region.

The Show has many attractions that bring together farmers, horticulturists, and floriculturists from far and wide to display their prized produce and enter a range of competitions. I encourage you to enjoy the wide variety of food, stalls and entertainment on offer with the traditional side show alley, the very popular Treasure Trail and of course show bags. These are just a few of the many attractions, all of which are not to be missed and sure to be enjoyed by all.

This is the biggest and most successful event in Gawler each year. This is all made possible by the Gawler Show Society and we thank them for their hard work and dedication in bringing together this event to the community each year.

Mayor Karen Redman

Gawler



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WELCOME everyone to the 2023 Gawler Show!

I would like to thank the community for their overwhelming support of the 2022 Gawler Show.

Last year saw crowds return in droves following on from the frustrating experience of the pandemic with our largest attendance ever of over 37,000.

It was an amazing feeling to see so many people finally able to enjoy the event we had been working on since 2019 and the feedback we received was very promising that we are taking the Show in the right direction.

A new feature this year was the Family Fun Day in early May.

We wanted to create a free event to give back to the community as thanks for its ongoing support and showcase some of the fantastic traders, entertainment and livestock you'll be able to

enjoy at this year's Show.

Moving into this year we have made a number of changes to our online presence with a new website, competition entry system and social media team for a more streamlined experience.

We have also introduced a new 'Farm Fresh' area, on the new community basketball court, to showcase some of the best produce that South Australia has to offer.

This ties into our broader rural precinct where we continue to develop the educational opportunities in the Agricultural Learning Centre and introduce the public to the agricultural industry surrounding us.

In the exhibition halls you'll see some new categories including Honey (Produce), Australian Natives (Floriculture), and Rug Making (Handicrafts) as well as many sections adding

a Disability and Social Inclusion category to ensure all people are represented at our Show.

None of what we do could be achieved without the tireless work of the committee, staff and volunteers who are the backbone of the Show.

A special mention also to our partners, prize sponsors and community groups, all who support the Show.

I would like to encourage everyone to get involved with their local Show or community group, as it's a very rewarding experience to be a part of a team and to see so many people enjoying something you have contributed to.

Hope you enjoy the Show!

*Isaiah Tesselaar,
President, Gawler
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and Floricultural Society Inc.*



TICKETING INFO

Saturday, August 26 9am to 9pm
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Membership tickets can be purchased at gawlershow.org.au and offer the opportunity to become a part of the Gawler Show community.

Benefits include a reduced price on entry to the Show and voting rights at Gawler Show Special General Meetings and at the Annual General Meeting, to be held in March, 2024.

Getting to the Show

The Gawler Showground is located at Princes Park, off Nixon Terrace. Gates are only a short 300 metre walk from the closest train station, 'Gawler Oval'.

If you're driving, keep an eye out for off-street parking areas that directly benefit the local community. Community groups will operate three carparks across Lawrence Ave (\$10), Henry Chenoweth Park (\$10) and Goose Island (\$5).

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Swing of the axe returns to the Show

★ ELLOUISE CRAWFORD

IT might look easy enough, but the sport of woodchopping is a serious test of strength, agility and timing.

The Mallee Axeman's Association will have members give a woodchopping demonstration over both days of the Gawler Show – an attraction that always draws a crowd.

Among them will be association president Michael Dreckow with 19-year-old son Max.

"We will give some commentary as we go, demonstrating a vertical stand and an underhand horizontal one," Michael said.

"It's not something you see everyday, especially these days."

Michael grew up on the family farm in the Mallee region, east of Eudunda, where wood chopping was always the done thing.

"My grandfather supplied wood to Adelaide during the war years, so we always grew up swinging axes and

splitting stumps, but I hadn't really thought of competition chopping until a good friend of ours talked us into it," he said.

"We had a go, my brother and myself, that was around 1985 and I've been at it ever since."

Fellow member, and former state representative in woodchopping, Nathan Schulz, said the Association likes to get around to a handful of regional and country shows each year.

"People love it – it's a unique sport," he said.

"Everyone loves watching it and asking questions, which is good because it gets the sport out there."

Nathan has been woodchopping since he was seven, having grown up watching his pop Barry Schulz swing the axe competitively.

"There's definitely a skill to it and there's a sense of satisfaction that comes from it as well," he said.

"I've been doing it for as long as I can remember and I still don't think I've perfected the skill."

The woodchopping demonstration will be set up on the Show's Village Green, with the Mallee Axeman's Association giving demonstrations at 11.30am and 1.30pm on both days.

Mallee Axeman's Association's Michael Dreckow gives a woodchopping demonstration at the 2022 Gawler Show.



Medieval combat returns to the Gawler Show.

PHOTOS: Phil Williams

Knights clash and history unfolds

★ IMOGEN EVANS

CALLING all Dukes and Duchess' of the fare Gawler isles, get ready to step into medieval times at this year's Gawler Show.

The Valiant Order of Historical Entertainers will bring their combat skills and history display to this year's celebrations, showcasing the medieval marvels of all cultures.

"We are passionate about history and excel at story telling, especially if it involves armouring up," they said.

Legio XII Fulminata will also be bringing their army to the Show with a marvellous display of Roman history.

"Highly disciplined, well organised and fearsome, the Roman army was arguably the greatest military force in world history. Nothing embodied the might and efficiency of the ancient military more than the Roman Legion," they said.

The Lightning Twelfth (Legio XII Fulminata) was established by Julius Caesar, and was named after the unit's symbol – the lightning bolt displayed on their shields.

A small cohort of the Twelfth will be at this year's Show, and are keen to share their interest in Roman history and the Legion with the community.

Fans of all things medieval will be treated to a weekend of sword fighting and combat, along with themed displays during the festive weekend.



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Meet the animals

FOR kids who love things all furry, sweet and cute, there's a Show experience just for them.

Nixon's Animal Adventures is the perfect activity to explore all the animal exhibits of the Show, while learning fun facts along the way.

The experience is aimed at primary school children but open to anyone and completely free.

Participants only need to collect an activity sheet from the Beyond Bank tent, then return it for a chance to win one of two prizes.

On each day of the Show Beyond Bank will award a Beyond Bank Community Reward Account (worth \$100) and a family pass to next year's Gawler Show (valued at \$60).

Nixon's Animal Adventures will earn students participating in Children's University Australia (CUA) a two-hour time stamp in their passports, with the 2023 Gawler Show qualifying as a CUA approved learning destination.

Ashton and Layla Rogers get up close with a miniature goat, one of many animals to spot at this year's Gawler Show.

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Fire art to ignite the Gawler Show stage

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KRAKEN Fire Art is bringing a blazing performance with smokin' hot spectacles of fire, burlesque and aerial to this year's Gawler Show.

Described as creating "Australia's hottest fire show", Kraken Fire said audiences should prepare for this year's performance to reach new degrees this winter.

Sparking interest across the country, Kraken Fire has performed at events such as Gluttony festival and Glenelg Winter Arts Festival.

Kraken Fire performer Benny J will be bringing a taste of his latest production INFERNO The Show to a Gawler audience, bringing a brand new spectacle of some of Australia's most famous performers.

Fellow performer Kali Savill said she hopes her performance will "spread like wildfire".

Kraken Fire Art will be performing at the Corpalite Main Stage, 6.30pm on Saturday, as part of the special evening entertainment line-up.

The fiery hot performance will be joined by performances from 'Me 'N Me Mates', Scott Rathman 'JNR', the Boomstars children entertainers, and dance group Impact Entertainment.

The highly-anticipated fireworks will be delivered by Howard and Sons Pyrotechnics, starting from the new time of 8pm.

A fiery performance by Kraken Fire Art will light up the stage in the lead-up to the 8pm fireworks show.

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Sheep to get shorn

★ ELLUISE CRAWFORD

BAAS will add to the sounds of this year's Gawler Show, with a sheep shearing demonstration a new addition to the Show time line-up.

Jonathan Liebelt, of Jono's Sheep Shearing Services, has been shearing sheep since he was a kid and in between running his own business, enjoys sharing his skill and know-how with others.

He will be running regular demonstrations over both days of the Gawler Show, accompanied by work dogs Hazel and Kelly who also know how to entertain.

"The shows go for about 20 to 30 minutes and we do the sheep dog component first, talking about how sheep dogs work and how they interact with the sheep," Jonathan said.

"They are very friendly dogs, so everyone loves giving them a pat and asking questions about them and they always love seeing how the dog interacts with the sheep, as well.

"Then we do the shearer component and we also talk about the wool and how the sheep goes about growing

that wool back for the next 12 months.

"So it's the whole process of bringing a sheep in and shearing them."

Jonathan grew up on the family's cattle farm at Littlehampton and showed an interest in helping out with the sheep early on.

"We used to have a man by the name of Frank Jacobs who used to come in and shear sheep for us and as a young kid of about 12 or 13 years old I thought that was quite interesting, and so he taught me one day," Jonathan said.

"He took me out to shearing sheds and it sort of expanded from there.

"Now I have a full sheep shearing business I run all year round doing hobby or small commercial property sheep shearing across most of SA."

Jonathan's experience includes two years giving sheep shearing demonstrations in the theme parks, on the Gold Coast, and these days he enjoys getting around to country and regional shows.



Jonathan Liebelt is bringing his sheep-shearing know-how to the Gawler Show.

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THE Gawler Show Grand Lottery is back, offering patrons the chance to win big and support the future of the Show.

Peter Kittle Toyota is offering a Toyota Yaris Cross GX, valued at \$30,607, as first prize in this year's lottery.

"Every way you look at it, the Yaris Cross makes a bold statement," Peter Kittle Toyota marketing coordinator Chloe Taverna said.

"There is nothing conventional about this five-seat compact SUV. And just think, it could be yours."

Peter Kittle Toyota has been in partnership with the Gawler Show since 2019, and so far two cars have gone to two lucky winners.

"Their dedication to bringing local communities together is evident in all aspects of their non-for-profit annual Show," Ms Taverna said.

"We appreciate the Gawler Show team, as well as all the countless volunteers affiliated with the Gawler Show and we thank them for their commitment to our

partnership, and for providing SA with our largest regional Show."

Gawler Show marketing and event coordinator Tanya Veldkamp said the lottery directly benefits the Gawler Agricultural, Horticultural and Floricultural Society Incorporated to put on the Gawler Show each year.

"Seeing the winners' big smiles or making that call to notify the winners is the best part," she said.

"We are very fortunate to be partnered with Peter Kittle Toyota, who provide the amazing major prize Toyota Yaris Cross GX."

"Showgoers also have the chance to win gift vouchers, prizes and memberships thanks to some generous local businesses."

Tickets (ranging in cost from one for \$10 to 20 for \$100), can be bought online at gawlershow.org.au, as well as in person over the Show weekend.

The first prize car will be on display near the Main Gate stand and feature in the Grand Parade on Sunday, before winning tickets are drawn at 3.15pm.



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Animals remain popular stars of the Show

★ ELLOUISE CRAWFORD

THE Gawler Show's Agricultural Learning Centre is back bigger than ever, but with the same goals of inspiring the next generation to care about our Aussie animals.

One of the main attractions will be an appearance by wildlife education service Animals Anonymous, which will showcase some of South Australia's most endangered animals while sharing a thing or two about conservation.

Former Adelaide Zoo keeper Dianne Pearson runs Animals Anonymous with partner Adrian Sherriff and said inspiring young people is a hugely rewarding experience.

"Australia's wildlife is very underrated," she said.

"Mostly when you ask a child what their favourite animal is they'll say a lion or a tiger and I don't think Australian wildlife is showcased enough, so that's what we try and do with Animals Anonymous.

"We try and get children,

and even adults, interested in animals they might not have known before."

All the animals brought along by Animals Anonymous have been hand-reared to be friendly with people – some that may come along to the Gawler Show include a python, goanna, monitor, glider and a Tawny Frogmouth.

"We talk about a Bettong and a lot of people might not have heard of that species before, and they've got the chance to get up close and pat them," Dianne said.

"It sort of develops a connection and hopefully a better appreciation for that animal, and when that child grows up they might have an interest in conservation and then that builds."

The Agricultural Learning Centre (ALC) will also welcome back chicks, guinea pigs and rabbits for kids to cuddle and pat, as well as the interactive team

from Bugs N Slugs with their impressive display of creepy crawlies.

A new attraction in 2023 is an appearance from the Bee Society, as well as regular milking demonstrations by James Krieg of local Newkree Education Working Farm.

Local secondary teacher and ALC coordinator Bec Bolton said she is excited for what the ALC will bring to the Show.

"It's a great opportunity for people to get outside and then actually interact, because a lot of kids don't have the opportunity to interact with different animals," she said.

"And with it expanding and becoming more educational it means they can actually see, for example, that bee keeping is an easy thing to get involved in that's agricultural.

"Then also seeing other young people doing things can inspire them to do that."



Adrian Sherriff and Dianne Pearson, of Animals Anonymous, with Lenny the Spencer's monitor and Queenie the quokka.

Ms Bolton said young people from Gawler and District College B-12 and Riverbanks College B-12 will be volunteering within the centre.

"I think for the students it provides them with a great sense of community and that community connection," she said.

"It gives them that responsibility and provides

them with an experience that has transferable skills in a professional way, so they can practice those skills that are awesome for future employment.

The Agricultural Learning Centre is located within the sheds at the northern end of the showgrounds and also forms part of the free Nixon's Animal Adventures trail.



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A magical mix of things to do and see

THE entertainment line-up is magical for this year's Show.

Among the acts scheduled for the Corralite Main Stage will be magician Ryan Razi, who returns to the Gawler Show after delivering a popular performance at the showgrounds back in 2021.

Ryan's all-ages show will combine magic tricks and contact juggling with mind reading and comedy.

He's also keen to show off his most-recently mastered act of ring juggling.

"I enjoy making the event I go to extra special, and then meeting people," he said.

"I feed off the energy from the audience – when they are giving any sort of energy I'm able to play off that."

Ryan is completely self-taught and is approaching his 14th year as a magician.

"When I was 16 I started watching Australia's Got Talent and found a website that taught you how to do magic tricks," he said.

"I saw a couple of performers who did juggling and just wanted to learn that and then I wanted to learn magic too.

"I started off with basic card tricks and then worked my way up to sleight of hand magic and then I just developed my stage show from tricks that use a combination of that."

Gawler Show marketing and event coordinator Tanya Veldkamp said she is excited about the 2023 entertainment program.

"I feel it's a real diverse program – we've got some local emerging artists and some that are more established as well," she said.

"We've also got a good balance of children's entertainment and things for everyone."

Among the new attractions this year will be a free silent disco that caters to both kids and kids at heart.

"I've seen it at a couple of different venues... and it looked really cool," Ms Veldkamp said.

"It's just something different and for all ages – it can be for your kids because they'll have a kids channel and activities to go along, and then adults alike too because who doesn't want to have a little boogie and forget about everything else?"



Magician and contact juggler Ryan Razi will be at the Gawler Show as part of the Saturday afternoon entertainment program.

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BUBBLE TEA

Get your bubble tea fix with the Bubble Tea showbag. It's packed with cute and trendy bubble tea-themed accessories, including zipped pouches, a backpack, keyring, tumbler, a notebook, slippers, socks, and a colour-in card set, all packed inside a bubble tea reusable tote bag that says 'You're Tea-rific!'



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The Squishy Things showbag is the perfect package for anyone who loves to squish and squeeze. It features 13 different squishy and squeeze toys, including a Bubble Tea backpack clip, a squeeze neon ball, a squish ball glitter, squishy glitter mesh ball, a squeeze bead ice cream, and stretch unicorn and pug.



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The farm comes to the Show

FOURTH-generation dairy farmer James Krieg is passionate about people understanding the connection between the farm and the food they eat.

At this year's Gawler Show, James will be putting on a free dairy demonstration for young families, where kids will get an insight into where milk comes from.

"I'll bring a cow along and kids will be able to get up close to her and give her a pat," he said.

"They'll get to see her be milked and hopefully have a go at it themselves."

James manages a jersey herd on his family's farm at Kangaroo Flat, where milk is sold to be processed into cheese for Adelaide pizza shops.

He also runs education sessions for school students and young families, in a custom-built on-farm classroom.

Kids meet the cows and see and

experience milk being turned into cream, butter and even ice-cream.

James said drawing the connection between food and the place where it is produced is the main goal.

"Kids just love coming out to the farm and seeing the calves," he said.

"I hope to give a taste of what I do at home at this year's Gawler Show."

In 2022 James was crowned Gawler Show Rural Ambassador, and will be representing the Northern Agricultural Shows Association in the Rural Ambassador state final at the Royal Adelaide Show.

His dairy demonstration will be held in the Agricultural Learning Centre, with multiple milking sessions to be run over both Saturday and Sunday of the Gawler Show.

Trail of treasures

THE Treasure Trail remains one of the best value experiences of the Gawler Show.

Organised by the Gawler Show Youth Committee, the Treasure Trail takes participants around to a variety of trade stalls where they can collect a 'treasure' and see all there is to see at the Show.

At just \$5, bags can be collected from the Gawler Show tent over the Show weekend or be pre-purchased online (at gawlershow.org.au).



Dairy farmer and Gawler and Northern Rural Ambassador James Krieg will bring one of his jersey cows to the Gawler Show.

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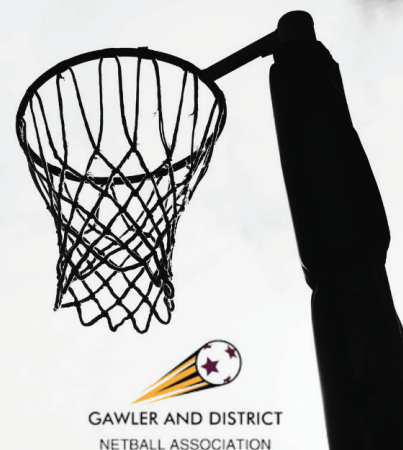
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ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Time	Event	Location
9.00	Gawler Youth Band	Corpralite Main Stage
9.45	Trinity College Stage Band	Corpralite Main Stage
10.30	Eleven Days	Corpralite Main Stage
10.30	Pole 4 Fitness	Village Green
10.30	Milking Demonstration James Krieg from Newkree Education Working Farm	Agricultural Learning Centre (ALC)
11.00	Official Opening Welcome by Scott Rathman 'JNR' Performance by Sing Australia	Corpralite Main Stage
11.30	Woodchopping Demonstration Mallee Axeman's Association of SA Inc	Village Green
11.30	Funny Farmers	Corpralite Main Stage
12.15	Scott Rathman 'JNR'	Corpralite Main Stage
12.30	Sheep Dog/Shearing Demonstration Jonathan Liebelt from Jono's Sheep Shearing Services	Village Green
1.00	Kozmik's Space Show	Corpralite Main Stage
1.30	Woodchopping Demonstration Mallee Axeman's Association of SA Inc	Village Green
1.45	Funny Farmers	Corpralite Main Stage
2.30	Sheep Dog/Shearing Demonstration Jonathan Liebelt from Jono's Sheep Shearing Services	Village Green
2.30	Gawler Academy of Dance	Corpralite Main Stage
3.15	Magician Ryan Razi	Corpralite Main Stage
3.30	Milking Demonstration James Krieg from Newkree Education Working Farm	Agricultural Learning Centre (ALC)
3.30	Pole 4 Fitness	Village Green
4.00	Me 'N Me Mates	Corpralite Main Stage
4.45	Scott Rathman 'JNR'	Corpralite Main Stage
5.30	Boomstars Children's Entertainment	Corpralite Main Stage
6.30	Kraken Fire Art	Corpralite Main Stage
7.30	Impact Entertainment Presented by TIDC Performing Arts Studio	Corpralite Main Stage
8.00	Fireworks	Taylor & Forgie Arena
8.15	Me 'N Me Mates	Corpralite Main Stage

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Time	Event	Location
9.00	Gawler Town Band	Corpralite Main Stage
9.45	MTM Allstar Cheerleading	Corpralite Main Stage
10.30	Emilie 'Emerald' Suter	Corpralite Main Stage
10.30	Pole 4 Fitness	Village Green
10.30	Milking Demonstration James Krieg from Newkree Education Working Farm	Agricultural Learning Centre (ALC)
11.15	Sammy & Layla Music	Corpralite Main Stage
11.30	Woodchopping Demonstration Mallee Axeman's Association of SA Inc	Village Green
12.00	Funny Farmers	Corpralite Main Stage
12.30	Sheep Dog/Shearing Demonstration Jonathan Liebelt from Jono's Sheep Shearing Services	Village Green
12.45	Xavier College, Will & Cohen	Corpralite Main Stage
1.30	Woodchopping Demonstration Mallee Axeman's Association of SA Inc	Village Green
1.30	Dance Crew SA	Corpralite Main Stage
2.15	Sammy & Layla Music	Corpralite Main Stage
2.30	Sheep Dog/Shearing Demonstration Jonathan Liebelt from Jono's Sheep Shearing Services	Village Green
2.30	Pole 4 Fitness	Village Green
3.00	Grand Parade Including Grand Lottery Draw at 3.15pm	Taylor & Forgie Arena
3.30	Emilie 'Emerald' Suter	Corpralite Main Stage
3.30	Young Farmers Challenge	Taylor & Forgie Arena
3.30	Milking Demonstrations James Krieg from Newkree Education Working Farm	Agricultural Learning Centre (ALC)

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Move your feet to the Boomstars beat

THE newest sensation in children's entertainment will be making its debut at the Gawler Show in 2023.

Boomstars are a group of high-energy artists who love to sing and dance and get little ones up and moving too.

Boomstars creative director Ghita Prey said Boomstars concerts are jam-packed with action.

"Expect vibrant costumes and dance crazes galore," she said.

"It's a song and dance show for children, and the songs are all new and fresh.

"It's a very high energy, interactive show."

Boomstars was established about 13 years ago and now takes their popular concerts all around Australia.

Their 'Dancin' video clip was nominated for two Australian Independent Music awards, while other singles including Zoo

Walk, Sunny Side Up, Platypusmania, Christmas day and Fantabulous, are available on major online music services.

At this year's Gawler Show, Boomstars will be joined by a whole line-up of entertainment aimed at the youngest showgoers.

This year sees the return of crowd favourites, The Funny Farmers, which follows the musical mishaps of two crazy, colourful farmers and their lovable friend Jolly Joy the dancing cow.

Kids can also keep an eye out for roving princes and princesses, brought to the Show by Gawler Academy of Dance.

Meanwhile, Kids Entertainment Adelaide will be bringing their 'Kozmik's Space Show' to the Corralite Main Stage, 1pm on the Saturday.

Boomstars are on the Corralite Main Stage 5.30pm Saturday.

The Gawler Show will feature Boomstars Talia Monaghan, Charlotte Hale, Elyse Harby and Joshua Dal Santo, who specialise in performing original fun songs and high energy dance crazes.



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Gawler Academy of Dance's Gemma and Lauren Wilkinson dressed up as princesses with Liam Sturtzel dressed as a prince.

Princes and princesses sharing the magic

★ ASHLEA MILLER-PICKERSGILL

Have your kids ever fantasised about meeting a prince or princess? The Gawler Show is the time to fulfil that dream for your little ones!

Over both days of fun, kids can keep an eye out for roaming princes and princesses, brought to the Show by Gawler Academy of Dance.

There will be appearances from snow princesses, a snowman, a prince fitted with a crown and even special characters from lands of wonder!

Jodie Lind from the Gawler Academy of Dance said the kids are working hard practicing for the Show and look forward to their two days of fun in August.

"The kids have started preparing for the Show and are looking forward to dressing up and sharing joy with all visitors of the Gawler Show," she said.

"Look out for us dressed up and walking around both days during the Show, come say 'hi' and don't forget to have a great time."

Show to be a thrilling ride

THE Gawler Show's sideshow alley and rides will be the place to try your luck and make memories to last a lifetime.

The arena of both old and modern-style carnival fun is brought to the Gawler Show each year by the Showmen's Guild.

Traveling showmen and women have been supporting country Shows all over Australia for many years, today supplying amusement rides and sideshow games to about 30 country Shows and many other fairs and festival.

In South Australia, the Showmen's Guild was formed in 1936 with almost 100 per cent of current Guild members being descendants of original members.

While the 2023 line-up of rides is still being finalised, showgoers can expect the fun of modern rides such as the Alibaba, Hard Rock, Kamikaze, Hurricane, Cyclone, Extreme Thriller and many more.




Enjoy the Show!

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Preparing for the mane event

★ ASHLEA MILLER-PICKERSGILL

A HOUSEHOLD name for events at the Gawler Show is the horse showjumping and hacking competitions, with 2023 being no different.

A veteran competitor of at least five years, Scarlett Knight, has been preparing for the Gawler Show, increasing her training with her horse, Seeker.

"Probably about two months out I'll start really focusing on and preparing him for hacking, so I won't ride him like a dressage horse, I'll ride him more like a hack horse," she said.

"Then he can build for muscle in specific areas so it's easier for him and it's not like I'm asking something of him that's unusual when it comes time to do it."

A hack class section of a competition involves being marked on how well the horse's ability is to ensure the rider is comfortable, and conduct light exercise.

Scarlett said some years

she has also entered the showjumping categories, but will wait to see the heights of the jumps before deciding.

Competing over the two days of the Gawler Show, Scarlett is looking forward to it but nerves naturally creep in as the competition nears.

But, having competed for so many years at the regional Show, she knows what's expected of her and her horse Seeker, and enjoys nothing more than to be in on the fun.

"I love it, it's so much fun," Scarlett said.

"Everyone there is nice to be around, it's a good environment and even my friends that don't get to see me ride ever, they can come down and see me compete."

Scarlett Knight competing at the Gawler Show with her horse, Seeker.



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Local produce in the spotlight at Farm Fresh

★ KAYLA DEN HOLLANDER

OUR regions are home to some of Australia's finest produce – from fresh fruit to wine, and everything in between.

It's why this year's Gawler Show is raring to introduce its inaugural Farm Fresh area, which is set to allow showgoers to meet the local faces behind South Australia's best.

Gawler Show president Isaiah Tesselaar said the new attraction is a way of paying homage to its roots.

"We are a country Show and our main goal is to support the community and their endeavours as well as their surrounding industries," he said.

"We've decided that we want to showcase a bit more of what South Australia has to offer with local businesses and produce.

"We have the Barossa Valley just outside of Gawler's reaches which produces some fantastic world-class wines and fruits, and the Virginia region which produces market garden quality food and vegetables."

Similar to the Show's trade sites, vendors in the Farm Fresh area will be offering samples and tastings of their goods.

Mr Tesselaar said it's an opportunity to see our region's booming agricultural industries in motion, particularly for those travelling from Adelaide's inner metropolitan suburbs.

"We want to make sure we can drag in the surrounding districts and what they have to offer, to make sure we're encouraging more people to get involved in those industries," he said.

"We're hoping that it opens everyone's eyes to what we have to offer."

Kids will be able to get up close and personal with a convoy of impressive agricultural vehicles at this year's Touch-A-Truck.



Touch-A-Truck offers valuable Ag learning

★ KAYLA DEN HOLLANDER

THIS year's Show will see a line-up of hefty agricultural vehicles as part of the Touch-A-Truck experience.

No matter how many wheels it has, kids can get up close and personal to their favourite truck to see how they work.

James Kreig of Newkree Educational Working Farm is at the mast of this year's Touch-A-Truck, and hopes it'll teach kids about the process of getting their food to their plates each day.

"It's a good way of getting kids involved in seeing where agriculture fits into [the Gawler Show]," he said.

"Everything else that I do is all about teaching kids where their food comes from."

With the Show drawing in crowds from all over metropolitan Adelaide, Mr Kreig said children can expect to see vehicles and machinery they've never seen before, taking a turn away from conventional trucks and service vehicles.

"A lot of kids probably have never seen a tractor up close, so it's a great experience for a lot of them to see what we have to use on a farm regularly," he said.

"I think it'll be a whole lot of fun for city kids to see."



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Show and win

LONG before the rides rolled in and the show bags went on sale, the Gawler Show was a showcase of creativity and ingenuity. From its early beginnings, nearly 170 years ago, the Show acted as a friendly exhibition and competition of agriculture, horticulture and floriculture.

In 2023, the competition is alive and well. There are 25 main sections of competition, from the more traditional, like livestock, cookery and art and crafts, to the modern ute muster, photography and scarecrow contests.

All ages take part, with competition entry fees waived for school groups.

In 2023, the Cookery Heritage Challenge pays homage to Jenny Parish who had a long association with the Cookery and Preserves section of the Gawler Show.

For many years she judged the Junior Cookery section, and many times she was a successful competitor herself.

This year, it is Jenny's Cockles recipe, which she first entered in a Show at just age nine, that is being called for in the Heritage competition.

The recipe was published in the Liz Harfull

'Blue Ribbon Cook Book' (2008) and can also be found on the Gawler Show online competition page.

First prize is \$30, donated by Kingsford Hotel, with Gawler Mayor Karen Redman featuring as guest judge.

Meanwhile, Gawler Show will once again act as the semi-final for the State Cookery Genoa cake competition.

The winner takes home \$60 and will progress to the State Championships, held during the Royal Adelaide Show.

Entries for most sections can be made right up until August 18, then come Show week exhibits will be spread across four spaces – the Youth Shak, Rotary Room, Stone Pavilion and underneath Nixon's Function Centre.



A parade of Show time fun

EACH year there is a grand way to finish off a bumper weekend of Show time activity.

The Gawler Show's Grand Parade is one of the last things to see, as it makes its way around the showground's main oval, from 3pm on the Sunday.

Many of the Show's main attractions, including vehicles from the Touch-A-Truck experience, the Ute Muster, mascots, dancing groups, animals and more, come together for a fun send-off.

Gawler Show event coordinator Tanya Veldkamp said the parade is always a great experience for those involved and those watching from the sidelines.

"Gawler Show mascot Nixon is always a hit with the kids as he makes his way around, while everyone loves some of those bigger vehicles, like CFS trucks and tractors," she said.

At the end of the parade, the winners of the Show's Grand Lottery, including the lucky winner of a Toyota Yaris Cross GX, will be announced.



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