



INFORMATION PACK

THE VISION

To recognise youth in Agriculture, and foster development of education in agriculture through competition.

OUR GOALS

- *To provide a safe and interesting competition that recognises and demonstrates the skills, diversity and innovation of youth in Agriculture in our region.*
- *Encourage participation and engagement of youth and young farmers from our rural and regional communities.*
- *Engage, educate and entertain both a local and broader urban based audience about factors of modern Australian Agriculture in our region.*

THE COMPETITION

Individuals may compete in a total of four (4) different events covering a multitude of areas required in modern day farming. The fifth and final event will be the Waratah fence construction completed with a team of four (4). Competitors must compete in all five individual events to be eligible for the Young Farmers competition title.

WHO CAN COMPETE?

Competitors must be aged between 15 and 25 to be eligible to compete in the competition.

IMPORTANT DATES

Event: Wednesday 14th August 2019.

Entries Required: Monday 5th August



CHALLENGES/ EVENT SECTIONS

1) **Merino sheep judging- ASA State Finals Qualifier**

Judge two classes of 4 animals and present an oral presentation to an overjudge explaining your placings.

2) **Merino fleece judging- ASA State Finals Qualifier**

Judge two classes of 4 fleeces and present an oral presentation to an overjudge explaining your placings.

3) **Beef cattle judging- ASA State Finals Qualifier**

Judge two classes of 4 animals and present an oral presentation to an overjudge explaining your placings.

4) **Crop production**

Identify a series of weeds, seeds, pests and diseases common in cereal and pasture crops in the Midwest.

5) **Team fencing**

As a team construct a Waratah stock fence (one plain wire, ringlock, use of gripples and figure 8) within the allocated time of 50 minutes.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- *The rules and regulations provided by the Mingenew Midwest Expo must be adhered to, at all times.*
- *A hat and enclosed footwear are a must!*
- *The judge's decision is final*
- *The livestock and props are all kindly provided by supporters of the MMWE we and appreciate the care and well-being of their property to be maintained.*



POINTS & PRIZES

- *Each event will have an allocated amount of points to be won.*
- *The competitor with the most points accumulated over the five events will be crowned the Young Farmers Competition winner.*
- *Points earned within the fencing challenge per team will be divided by 4 and added to the individuals score.*
- *The School/ College with the highest score of total accumulated points divided by the number of students will be named the Overall School of Young Farmers.*
- *Placings for each event will be announced at the conclusion of the events, followed by the Young Farmers Competition winner and overall school of young farmers winner.*

ANIMAL WELFARE

The McIntosh & Son Mingenew Expo consider the welfare of stock used in the Young Farmers Competition. The animals are provided with adequate space, food, water and shelter but we ask all competitors to be respectful and mindful of handling livestock; and to maintain a low stress level at all times.

ENQUIRIES

For all enquiries please contact

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