Feedback from visitors to the 2015 IGA Perth Royal Show has been very positive with families enjoying the traditional Show attractions, new entertainment program and the interactive exhibits.

There was great interest in the 10th Light Horse exhibit which commemorated the ANZACS and highlighted Claremont Showgrounds role as a training and accommodation centre for the regiment during World War I, and thousands of families enjoyed the Dinosaurs Adventures attraction and new interactive Discover Dirt exhibit.

We also hope you enjoyed the upgrades to the Members Lounge.

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**Fun Facts**

- 10,000 prizes including trophies, ribbons and certificates were awarded
- Over 300 showbags were on offer
- There were over 1,000 entries in the Cookery competition
- 20,000 sausages were sold in the IGA Pavilion
- Over 4,500 coffees were served in the Police Pavilion as part of the Coffee with a Cop initiative
- 1,415 telegrams were sent in the Heritage Hall
- 60 baby chicks hatched in the City Farmers Animal Nursery
- A sugar art reproduction of Monet’s Water Lilies was on display in the Cookery Pavilion
- A Great Dane named Jimmy Barnes won Best in Show at the Perth Royal Dog Show
Quairading farming family Squiers and Sons have won the equivalent of the Oscars – carrying off the highly sought after Governor’s Cup at the IGA Perth Royal Show for the fifth time.

The Governor’s Cup is awarded to the exhibitor with the most points in the livestock exhibits including sheep, cattle, horse, goat and alpaca and rewards both excellence and consistency while also promoting the quest for higher standards.

The family-run SAMM and Poll Dorset sheep stud, Shirlee-Downs, comprises Chris, wife Fay, their sons Sascha and Adrian and daughters-in-law Kylie and Kelsie.

“We are thrilled it is so fantastic we won,” says an elated Sascha, “we are trying to breed what the industry is after and it is showing through in our breeding and in the judging ring.”

The Governor’s Cup was presented the Hon Kerry Sanderson AO, Governor of Western Australia during a ceremony on the Showground’s Main Arena on the closing day of the 2015 IGA Perth Royal Show.
A great grandmother from Moora has won the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia’s 2015 Rural Community Achiever Award.

Cynthia McMorran, who is proud to state there have been six generations of Show exhibitors in her family, has been a stalwart of the Moora community since arriving in 1969.

Mrs McMorran’s decades of community service and volunteer work have previously been honoured in 2004 with an Order of the Medal of Australia and by being made Moora Senior Citizen of the Year.

Over the years she has been both an exhibitor and a judge for the Central Midlands Agricultural Society’s annual Show, as well as serving as a committee member and vice president.

As an exhibitor she has won the blue ribbon for most outstanding exhibit in cookery, home produce and vegetables. As a judge she enjoys passing on her ideas and skills.

Coordinated by the RAS of WA, the Rural Community Achiever award encourages members of rural communities to nominate exceptional and inspirational individuals. The Rural Community Achiever receives $2000 cash plus a further $2000 is donated to a community project of their choice.

Above: The Minister for Mines and Petroleum Bill Marmion, Cynthia McMorran and the President of the Royal Agricultural Society of WA, Dr Rob Wilson

Youth Scholarships
The Royal Agricultural Society of WA (RAS) with the generous support of the Bendat Family Foundation established the Bendat Family Foundation Scholarship in 2013. The scholarship provides financial assistance to a student commencing an undergraduate tertiary study in an agricultural related discipline in 2016.

The Bendat Family Foundation Scholarship is part of the RAS Rural Leaders Program. Our educational scholarships for secondary and tertiary students empower young people to grow a sustainable and productive future for agriculture.

To apply or for more information please visit: http://www.raswa.org.au/Community/AgriculturalYouthBendatFamilyFoundationScholarship.aspx

Applications close 11 January 2016 with interviews of shortlisted candidates expected to take place in February 2016.

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**Women Leaders in Agriculture Grant**

In July we sent you out some information on the 2015 Women & Leadership Australia (WLA) National Scholarship Grant Initiative to support the development of women leaders across in the agriculture sector. We are pleased to announce that an additional $450,000 in scholarship funding has since been allocated to the program and applications are still open. Click here for an Expression of Interest form.

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**What's On at Claremont Showground**

**Perth Motorcycle and Scooter Show**
Fri 30 Oct – Sun 1 Nov

**Silver Pet Prints Perth Pet Expo**
Sat 7 – Sun 8 Nov

**3 in 1 Market**
Sat 14 – Sun 15 Nov

For details on the above and more upcoming events, please go to http://www.claremontshowground.com.au/events