

Memories of the Chapman Valley Show

We first showed Saanen milking goats at the Chapman Valley show from the early 1980's. It was popular and used quite a few stalls up in the sheep pen area.

Exhibited in the potted plants for many years from 2013 and usually won best in this section.

Des was President for a year in 2012 and my brother, Warrick Butterworth was president the following year. Des and I were on the Chapman Valley Agricultural Society committee and during this time were responsible for bay bookings. When we first did bay bookings there were 70 bays booked and within a few years there were well over 110 bays. We used our knowledge from caravan park management and marked the bays prior and had two ways to make the movement of stallholders easier to place on sites. We were on the committee for 6 years.

Alicia Pawelski and I organised for two years the pickup of the photos and judging of the photography which we did at the Waggrakine Hall. We put all the photos out in their class on the tables to save time for the photographer from the Guardian to judge. We then packed them up ready to hang in the Exhibition Hall on the Thursday before the show.

One vivid memory was I tried to make the old dining room appealing and went to Spotlight who donated some lovely glittery tulle material and I purchased the rest to make drapes from beam to beam to hide the old ugly roof trusses.

The most significant changes were the introduction of wristbands which quite a few members were very vocal about proceeding with this form of counting people through the gate. The improved parking up past the Golf club enabled patrons to get to see more of the show. Changing the side show alley location to the southern end, building two new undercover areas, and putting the horse judges' box on site.

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