

The Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc.  
**“QUEENSLAND COUNTRY LIFE SHOWGIRL AWARDS”**

**Recognising, Developing and Celebrating Young Female Leaders in our Communities**

The Queensland Country Life Miss Showgirl Awards hosted by QLD Ag Shows (Showgirl Awards) is a leadership program for all young women engaged in their communities and the agricultural show movement in Queensland. The aim of the Showgirl Awards is to ‘Recognise, Develop and Celebrate Young Female Leaders in our Communities’. The Showgirl Awards allows agricultural shows to engage young women in their communities to develop their leadership skills and confidence to continue their involvement in, and representation of, their agricultural show.

The Queensland Country Life Miss Showgirl Awards has continued to develop since its inception in 1983. Personality, confidence and leadership qualities; ambitions and goals; general knowledge; contextual agricultural knowledge; agricultural show knowledge, insight and commitment; community participation; presentation and public speaking skills are key when selecting a Showgirl.

The Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies seeks committed and enthusiastic young women to represent Queensland Shows, both rural and metropolitan, during their term, and provides the opportunity to be involved with a wonderful Queensland tradition – their local Show!

- Entrants must be single, aged 18 years to 28 years inclusive on the 1<sup>st</sup> August in the year of the competition. The awards are open to girls born in Australia or naturalized Australians.
- The ultimate winner must remain single until the conclusion of the Royal Queensland Show. Entrants must not have been married or have had or having a child prior to State Final Judging.
- An entrant must have been selected as a current representative of the Miss Showgirl Awards conducted by an affiliated Society to be eligible to compete in Sub-Chamber and State Final judging. In the event of the local representative being unable to attend sub-chamber judging and a runner-up had been selected then she may do so. Previous State Winners and Runners-Up in the Miss Showgirl Awards are not eligible to enter again. Local and Sub-Chamber Winners and Runners-Up may enter again providing that they are not State Winners.

The aim of the competition at Cooyar is to provide the opportunity for young women to gain and expand their knowledge and involvement with the Cooyar Show, and to represent the Show Society and district both during the show, and at other Darling Downs Show Societies’ events to which the winner may be invited.

The Cooyar Showgirl Competition is run by the State rules, which can be found at [www.queenslandshows.com.au](http://www.queenslandshows.com.au) and the winner at Cooyar is eligible for nomination to the Darling Downs Sub-Chamber finals, held each year in conjunction with the Toowoomba Royal Show.

**TEEN SHOWGIRL**

The objectives of the Teen Showgirl competition are identical to Miss Showgirl, but this is a Cooyar Show Society competition only for girls aged 12 – 17 years old, with no affiliation to QCAS.