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2021 Parkes Show Cancellation

The Parkes PA&H Association Inc regrettably announces the cancellation of the 2021 annual Show that was set down for 30, 31 August and 1 September 2021.

This difficult decision is a result of what those present at Monday night's committee meeting considered the unacceptable degree of risk to the community currently posed by the COVID situation in the east of our state.

Following the cancellation of the 2020 Parkes Show, the committee had high hopes for a spectacular 140th celebration and show, but it has become increasingly apparent in recent days that there is no guarantee that the Show would be able to proceed in the first instance and certainly no way of knowing the conditions and limitations that may yet be imposed.

This has been compounded by building works in progress at the Parkes Showground, including the pending demolition of the main pavilion, and a structural issue with the heritage listed grandstand, which prevent either of these buildings being used during the show.

It is hoped that cancellation at this stage, while far from the ideal, will give exhibitors, competitors, traders, Showmen's Guild members and the general public the opportunity to consider alternative arrangements and to reduce the financial risk. We are deeply sorry to them and to local businesses and suppliers, and to our wonderful sponsors and supporters.

Show president Peter Unger said, "I feel for the community of Parkes, another event cancelled. I believe there was great anticipation for the 2021 Parkes Show to help bring some normality back."

In the coming weeks, some alternative local activities will be announced including a Showgirl dinner as well as those competitions that proceed from local level to group with the opportunity of representation at Sydney Royal.