

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Australian Axemen's Association newsletter. The purpose of this news letter is to inform members and affiliates of the current news of the AAA and to share state and local association achievements nationally.

Champion of Champions Kody Steers



The AAA would like to congratulate Kody Steers on his achievement in winning the Champion of Champions award.

The award is awarded to the axemen with the highest points. Points are allocated for 1st to 4th placings in all Australian Championships annually. Kody won

5 ½ championships (double sawing) out of a possible 20 titles and accumulated 40.5 points to win convincingly. As of season 2017/2018 the winner will receive \$1000 up from \$200. Congratulations Kody.

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Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

2018 Sydney Royal Easter

Show – Key Dates Entries

Open – End October 2017

Entries Close 6th Dec 2017.

Competition Dates – 23 March – 2 April 2018.

For further information, including video footage and images from 2017, can be found at www.rasnsnsw.com.au/woodchop 2018

Sydney Royal Easter Show. The RAS of NSW is seeking **Nominations for Officials** for the Woodchop and Sawing Competition for the 2018 Sydney Royal Easter Show. For more information and to obtain an Expression of Interest application please contact woodchop@rasnsnsw.com.au

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Two Australian Titles are to be held at the Brunswick Heads Woodchop on the 17th to 20th January. 375 Standing Block & 275 Underhand Aus Championships – see NSW Website for full details. NSWAA is very proud of the achievements of their Junior Reps at the Junior Round Robin Event at Adelaide Show with Lachlan Bryce equalling second place with Matthew Coffey (VIC) and Callum Mackay in third place (winner: Samuel Bellamy). Lachlan Bryce also won most successful Handicap Axeman of the Show.



AAA AGM and GM Meetings

From the President:

At the Adelaide meetings, decisions to the following effect were taken:

- No further steps be taken at this stage to regain recognition from the Australian Sports Commission as a National Sporting Organisation.
- No further steps be taken at this stage to achieve the goals set out in the previously adopted Strategic Plan.
- To the extent possible within a 15 working hour per week constraint, the Administrator to continue to work with the States and local associations in seeking whatever financial and other support may be available for the sport.
- At the Sydney meeting in 2018, two reports be presented (a) on the role and activities of the Administrator and (b) estimated costings for the future.
- The Administrator to continue her work in developing a level 1 coaching scheme and assistance for junior development.

I think that the decisions to be taken at the 2018 Sydney meeting will be crucial for the sport: in short, we will be deciding whether we wish to continue to develop and grow the sport, or not. I encourage every axeman and woman to make their views known on this critical issue.

Ambassador Program



Mike Fullgrave

The AAA is pleased to announce Mike Fullgrave as the third Woodchop Ambassador.

The program aims to identify individuals who can provide a positive representation of our sport.

the role of an ambassador is to encourage new comers to the sport

and act as role models for fairness, equality and sportsmanship.

Mike has been synonymous in re-building the SA Axemen's Association into an active associaiton. He conducts training clinics for potenitnal new members. Mike was the AAA Secretary from 1999 - 2014 and he is currently the SA President. Mike played an integral part in organizing the Australia wide Ausaxe series.

Grants and Sponsorships

If your local associaton would like any assistance in grant and/or sponsorship applicaitons and submissions please email the AAA administrator for assistance.