



Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc.

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Once again, here is our bit of motivation for all those green thumbs out there who want to plant vegetables in time for the Toodyay Show but were unsure of the correct planting times to ensure quality vegetables on queue for day on judging in October. We have provided these for two years now and received positives responses and thanks go as always to retired champion Vegetable grower, Show Steward and renowned Judge, Len Leeder who gave me these planting dates initially. Pens at the ready, here we go:

For the week starting May 21st plant Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes; June 4th plant Broad Beans, June 11th Rhubarb & Silverbeet; July 2nd Cabbages and Cauliflowers, Beetroot, Peas, Broccoli; July 9th Snow Peas and the week commencing July 23rd, plant your Lettuces.

New classes have been added as an attraction for the Children and for those who like quick growing vegetables who possibly would enter a vegetable if it was ready but wouldn't plan for it. The new class of Asian Greens, any variety is just for these possible entrants. Excellent for children to grow, fast growing and huge variety of plants to choose from. The other new class is the Sweet Potato which is to be judged on SIZE ALONE! This makes it "The Biggest Sweet Potato Competition". With luck we will get a full bench of fruit & vegetables on display this year in the Exhibition Hall, unlike last year which was not living up to its full potential. So, get those vegetables planted, especially the Sweet Potato, treat them kindly and enter the result in the Show.

Our first Members drive and Toodyay Show Fundraising Stall will be situated on Friday 25th May in the IGA foyer and on Saturday 26th May at Federation Square in Stirling Tce. The prizes are destined to be very "agricultural", gardeners will love one of the prizes and horses will love the other. I will leave you in suspense what we are raffling, so come along and buy a ticket in whatever prize you are chasing. It's bound to be lots of fun, it always is, so we'll see you good people there.

We are giving some encouragement to enter the Toodyay Show by holding the "Exhibitors Workshop" again this year. Qualified judges will be on hand to provide tips and advice to that potential exhibitors can learn skills and take away knowledge of what it takes to make a better exhibit. The Judges will give us an idea of what they look for in a prize-winning entry, now this is what we all need to know! The Exhibitors Workshop will be held in mid-August this year and the Sections we will be promoting are **Floriculture, Needlework (Knitting, Sewing & Crochet) & Patchwork & Quilting**. More details will be available in the next issue and on our FB page during the month as we get Judges and dates confirmed.

Being hosts of this year's RAS Rural Ambassador, we have found a lovely venue, but are still lacking in an entrant. If you are between 18 -30 years of age, enjoy being involved in our local community, we are searching for you! This competition is aimed at young adults who have a passion for the rural environment, our community, and a willingness to promote their goals and ideals. If you are keen, please contact myself or Sarah-Jane Simmonetti for a chat.

Finally, I am also still looking for a few Stewards this year to assist on the Friday of Judging and on Show day in Handweaving, Photography, Cattle and Art. If you are interested, please contact me on 0437 099960.

Alison Wroth, Chief Steward

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