

Jingellic Pastoral, Agricultural & Horticultural Society Inc.

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## **A bigger two day show planned for 2017, following cancellation of 2016 show due to planning for showground facilities upgrade**

The committee members of Jingellic Pastoral Agricultural and Horticultural Society Inc. (Jingellic PA&H Society) have decided to cancel the 2016 show and plan for a bigger two day show with the real possibility of obtaining a substantial grant to improve the ageing facilities at the showgrounds. A new amenities block has been identified as a high priority project.

The Jingellic PA&H Society Inc. is incorporated under the NSW Associations Incorporations Act 2009 owning the Jingellic showground and facilities used by community groups.

In recent weeks the Society's efforts have included the development of a strategic plan to guide the current and future development of the Jingellic Showground. The plan will be used to inform comprehensive applications for grant funding to improve facilities at the showground.

"The current Committee also recognises there is a need to review a number of functions and processes, with the priority being the ageing facilities" said Acting President, Robbie McKimmie.

This process has required delving into the Society's Constitution, and consideration of legislative compliance and contemporary Work, Health and Safety requirements, and holding meetings with user groups and Tumbarumba Shire Council leading to a strategic priority action list.

The review has highlighted the need to undertake a risk assessment of the existing showground facilities and to consider public safety and future needs of the existing and potential user groups. As a result, the Committee formed the view to cancel the show and instead focus their efforts on applying for funding to provide better facilities for the 2017 show.

At a special meeting held on Friday night, 29<sup>th</sup> January, after lengthy discussion, committee members of the Jingellic PA&H Society Inc. unanimously voted to cancel the Jingellic Show for 2016, but have set a date for next year's show, which will be held over two days, on the tentative dates set for 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

With the vision set to have a well-designed recreation facility that the community is proud of the Jingellic P, A & H Society has taken a bold step to plan for a sustainable future for the grounds and to create a modern multipurpose community recreation facility.

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