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RELIANCE BANK ROYAL BATHURST SHOW ★ 24-26 APRIL 2020 ★ SINCE 1858

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2020 RELIANCE BANK ROYAL BATHURST SHOW CONFIRMED CANCELLED

With 3 months to go to a possible alternative date, the Show Council of the Bathurst AH&P Association last night agreed with the recommendation of their Executive Committee that the option of conducting a rescheduled 2020 Reliance Bank Royal Bathurst Show on the October long weekend was increasingly unlikely. They have confirmed the Royal Bathurst Show will not proceed in 2020.

The Association will now focus on planning the 152nd Reliance Bank Royal Bathurst Show on 16-18 April 2021 in the hope that conditions and restrictions will have eased to the extent it can run.

Executive Secretary of the Bathurst AH&P Association, Brett Kenworthy says “A difficult decision was made in March to can the show from running on its traditional dates in late April and to hold out some hope of rescheduling the event to the later dates if the Public Health Orders permitted.”

“The continuing uncertainty of further easing of the Public Health Orders in the short term, the evident risks to our patrons, volunteers and officials and the increased costs related to complying with social distancing restrictions all contributed to the decision last night.”

President Col McPhee said “our Association has faced this before, with World Wars and the Spanish Flu, we take it very seriously and will come through it. We’ll look at ways to achieve our objectives and to conduct other activities on a smaller scale perhaps even if we can’t run the big show.”

Mr. Kenworthy acknowledged the support of the many sponsors, especially Reliance Bank, for their continuing support of the association, the hard work of the dedicated volunteers and understands the concerns of competitors, the Showman’s Guild and other commercial exhibitors.

The Bathurst Agricultural Horticultural & Pastoral Association has been conducting agricultural shows and promoting our region since 1858.

2020 is the 162nd year of the association and this year’s show would have been the 152nd Show and the 27th Royal Bathurst Show.

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