



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **SYDNEY ROYAL PAST AND FUTURE CELEBRATED AT AGQUIP 2006**

## **Sydney Royal Roadshow makes its second stop, thanking locals for their participation**

The **Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS)** is continuing its successful rural visitation program, the **Sydney Royal Roadshow** making its second stop at AgQuip, Gunnedah on 22 – 24 August. The RAS Membership and Entertainment teams will be celebrating local Sydney Royal winners of the popular District Exhibits as well as featuring the recently announced **NSW Farmer of the Year, Gary Johnston**.

A feature of the Sydney Royal Easter Show since 1900, the District Exhibits are one of the most popular features of the Show. In 2006, the **Central District** comprised of Gunnedah and its surrounding regions, won the coveted Display Award.

"The Gunnedah/Tamworth region is recognised by the RAS as an integral part of the Sydney Royal Easter Show with over 1200 Members from the area. This region also provides invaluable support to one of our most popular and unique competitions, the District Exhibits," said **Roger Perkins, Chief Executive, RAS**. "For this, we would like to say thank you."

The RAS Stand will feature a static display of memorabilia and trophies of achievements at the Show by the Central District. A mini exhibition of archive and heritage images will be shared with the local community, with visitors encouraged to bring along any old photos or memorabilia to share their personal experiences.

Make it a date to meet recently announced **Farmer of the Year, Gary Johnston** who will be appearing at the Stand on Thursday 24 between 1pm and 3pm to chat to all current and potential RAS Members.

In conjunction with NSW Farmers' Association, the RAS will also be hosting a 'Members Mingle' at Gunnedah Rugby Club on Tuesday 22 August. Further information can be found at the **RAS Stand, J13A**. Afternoon tea of scones and tea will be served each day in the marquee.

For further information on the *Royal Roadshow*, visit [www.rasnsw.com.au](http://www.rasnsw.com.au).

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