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We welcome the next generation of horse trainers, amateur exhibitors, owners, and lovers of the Arabian horse.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021 will see the launch of the Downs Arabian Club Inc. (DACI) first show of the year at the Laidley Showgrounds, Queensland with the first class commencing sharp at 7.30am.

Mr Richard Sharman, long standing, dynamic President of the DACI said, “The Show Program Schedule for competitors will be released shortly. This is incredibly encouraging news for all who are involved – from the Club to competitors, spectators, sponsors and all the families and friends involved.” Richard continued, “However, this is an exciting heads up for those young people wishing to attend and get ready NOW!”.

The Youth & Non-Professional Show (YouNP21) is a fun and relaxed show ring environment for competitors and their horses to gain skills and confidence.

Combining led, saddle and the ever popular novelty classes - there is something for everyone.

Dip your toes into the world of showing with a friendly and relaxed show in the Lockyer Valley.

Admission is free for anyone – horse lover or not – to watch the show and become entranced by the young riders and handlers going through their paces and the incredible hard work they have achieved with their beautiful horses.

The show also offers newbie classes – these classes are open to any horse and rider who is in their first year of showing – with added incentives for members to ‘BRING A FRIEND AND THEIR HORSE’ – news of this soon.

Don’t delay and become a member to receive first hand notices of events, prizes and be involved in loads of fun! To join visit our web and Facebook pages.

As a volunteer organisation we are always on the look out for sponsors that contribute to our competition prizes. This includes not only this Youth Show (YouNP21), but also leading into our upcoming show events: Top of the Range Show (TOTR) and Horse of the Year (HOTY) in Toowoomba on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 at the Toowoomba Showgrounds.

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[downsarabianclub@gmail.com](mailto:downsarabianclub@gmail.com). Opportunities to sponsor particular events, prizes and activities will be released soon.

## Background

The Downs Arabian Club Inc. is dedicated to promoting and supporting the Arabian horse in the South East Queensland region. The club regularly holds shows, events, clinics and seminars to educate and promote the beautiful Arabian horse.

The Club's membership today also sees a broad cross section of people with interest not only in showing their horse, but also endurance, pony club, harness and dressage enthusiasts. DACI have long been a major influence on Arabian breeding in Australia, providing many champions at major State and National shows.

Members were drawn from far and wide, not only from the immediate Lockyer Valley and Downs areas, but from Injune, Charleville and Longreach in the west to Inglewood in the south and Cooyar in the north. This broad catchment is still reflected in our membership today.

While the show is organised by the committee of the DACI, it is run by professional handlers, trainers and riders from throughout southeast Queensland who take on all roles from announcing, marshalling, stewarding and providing guidance and tips to competitors throughout the day.

New members and sponsors are always welcome.

## Founding Members

The Club's founding members included Ken and Coralie Gordon (The Cameo Stud), Tom and Marion Sharman (Jangharm Arabians), RM and Erica Williams (Rockybar and Wealdbarns), John and Judy Hasted (Istana Stud), Martin and Judy Penfound (Sahala Arabians), Tubby and Sandy McKnight (Circle TS Arabians), Bob and Grace Carmichael (El-Shaloo Stud), Jim and Dell Priebe (Moorak Arabians) and Di Morris (Cotswold Hills).

Many of these Founding Members are still actively involved in the DACI today.