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Due to the worldwide coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and ongoing containment measures for the staging of public events, the Gawler A H & F Society has made the very difficult decision to cancel the 164th Gawler Show, which was to be held on 29th & 30th August 2020.

Secretary Kate Cowell said ensuring the health and safety of the Gawler Show community and the general public was paramount.

“It is distressing and disappointing to cancel our show as it supports so many in our community” she said.

“We appreciate that the cancellation of the Gawler Show has a huge impact on our show community, particularly exhibitors and visitors who love attending the show as an annual tradition.”

“There will be many people who will be very upset and disappointed with this decision, however, we hope our community understands why we’ve reached this decision.”

This will be the third time in the Gawler Show’s 164 year history that the show has been cancelled. It was previously cancelled in 1919 due to the Spanish Flu epidemic and in 1942 during WW2.

This is a time for leadership, innovation and thinking outside the square, which is exactly what we are doing. Although the gates won’t be open this year, we will still be holding a Covid-19 friendly competition section. More details will be available soon.

“With so many people self-isolating we have seen an increase in people’s ingenuity and creativity across social media. Why not put those skills to good use for a bit of friendly competition. It’s just another way of keeping our community connected.”

Due to overwhelming public feedback, the Society are looking at all avenues to host an event prior to the 2021 Gawler Show when the restrictions have been lifted. Again, public safety is our number one concern so this will be at the forefront of all decision making.

We thank the people of Gawler and surrounding communities for their support of our Show and we look forward to bringing the community together once again to celebrate as planning now starts on the 2021 Show.

Don’t forget to follow us on Facebook @GawlerShow

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