

Adelaide ROYAL Show

The very first official Miniature Goats Australia (MGA) exhibition was at the Adelaide Royal Show in September 2014.

The display was to be held in the Farm Expo Pavilion but was very costly for a new Association with only 12 members at that time.

It was such a golden opportunity to showcase our breed, especially in SA, so Queensbury Farm, Melliodora Stud and Aadorable Mini Goats sponsored half the site fee and the Committee approved MGA funds for the remainder.

Every night was a bottle of wine night as the 12 hour days at the show took their toll, sleep was never far behind.



Megan Coyles of Poco Capra Stud SA organised everything from cable ties to brushes right down to the wet ones to wipe our grubby hands with.

We thank Megan and her family for absolutely everything, without them this would never have been possible.

The goats did an amazing job too and were very well behaved and played to the crowd. Megan's goats were there for the whole 10 days and others were rotated in and out midweek.

Thanks to Fiona Muehlberg (Ketchi Run Stud) and a new member Vicki Went (Kozel Hill Stud) for bringing their goats in and taking their turn manning the site. All help was very much appreciated.



During the 10 days we ran clipping (show prep), hoof trimming and height measuring demonstrations and of course cuddled the little ones every chance we could.



We met some amazing animals and people, including other goat breed breeders, alpaca and sheep breeders, judges, DPI officers and a stock inspector who was a book of information.

The studs involved all met for tea and a wine at the show and although it was a bit noisy we had a good chat about the direction of MGA, goat breeding and showing.

Congratulations to the Adelaide Royal Show for a fantastic event. The grounds were so clean, the food amazing, the wine inviting, the crowd just huge, the security guards cheeky, the variety outstanding and the weather all but one day was just beautiful.