

POULTRY SECTION SUBMISSION TO NSW PLANNING

The poultry pavilion at Castle Hill Showground although extended over the years is a time capsule of the history of the Hills District. The front section is an original steel trusted portal frame, free range poultry shed. Transferred in the 1960s from one of the Hills District many and then existing poultry farms. It does have heritage significance to the Hills past farming and agricultural history.

The Poultry Section and the poultry pavilion are the last of their type in the area, providing an outlet for schools and youth to display, exhibit and learn about poultry. Many local and metropolitan schools with agricultural units attend Castle Hill Show for this very reason. The lack of recognition of these facilities as indicated in the exhibited plans for the future of the showground is a mistake and depriving many of their interest and hobby.

The Poultry Section runs a junior judging competition during the Castle Hill Show. Many of the winners of this annual competition have then been nominated by the Show Society to go to the Royal Easter Show State Final and have won that competition or have been placed very highly.

Backyard poultry and their part in sustainability can only be observed in any great numbers and varieties at agricultural shows. This activity has been at Castle Hill Show for well over one hundred years and on the present showground site

Future plans should take the above points into consideration when changing the mix and character of the Castle Hill showground.

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