

A Timeline of our History

1971–73

1971 Stock scheme. The A & P would buy the stock, and committee members take the stock through to killing. So far \$2,450 has accumulated to reduce the debit on the new grandstand. Lamb competition entry 127. There are 26 in the Young Farmers Club class. Lambs were selected for judging in the UK.

At a working bee if you could not attend you had to donate a day's wages in lieu of voluntary work. Messrs Rice, Smith, Lawrence, Mollison did the valuation of the old grandstand and said it would last another 20 years.

To help to pay for the Pig Pens, J B Young donated a baconer pig. 3rd prize 10lbs of bacon; 2nd prize 1 ham; 1st prize balance of pig into ham and bacon. Also a raffle going at the same time with the committee selling tickets.

Shaft and Wheels made an application to erect a building on the grounds.

In order to stimulate the showing of Angus cattle throughout New Zealand, Thos Borthwick and Sons have generously agreed to give a trophy valued at \$600 and also subscribe \$800 annually to a national sire of the year contest.

Membership 1019.

Pastoral Princess Contest arranged with Oamaru and Balclutha to have the girls at Gore for the final. A gala afternoon on the 24th March to crown the winning girl. Miss Glenis Weir from Edendale became Queen. The funds were used for repairs and maintenance.

District export lamb and beef has strong entries.

W Harvey demonstrated the Scomogram for measuring the fat in cattle. Held at Mataura Freezing Works.

1972 Ivan Elder Mayor of Gore opened the Show.

Total insurance value of buildings \$202,750. Sheep pens, secretary's office, two grandstands, ram pavilion.

The additional premiums of \$554 were shared by the sporting bodies.

First time Simmental cattle showed.

Cattle numbers down because of brucellosis.

Removal of trees from Sinclair, Nicholson, McLeod sections at no cost to them.

1974–75

Russell Richmond's salary \$354.17

Mr Sinclair, Mrs Nicholson and Mr McLeod willing to sell the back of their sections.

Pig pavilion \$3,200 plus \$400 for permanent pens inside.

Our meetings held James Cumming Wing. Were the RSA rooms above the Farmers Co-op building.

Quite a lot of damage done on the show grounds mainly broken windows.

End of lamb competition with the final being held in London.

Southern Shears shifted to James Cumming Wing from the ram selling pavilion. Started 1965.

Pastoral Princess held final at Balclutha. Our girl Regina Wright.

K D Builders built the new toilets. Completed 1975.

Billards demonstration in the ram selling ring. The floor had to be concreted. 300 people attended.

The referee's room to be disposed of and they shifted into the new secretary's office. They put in the sink and zip.

The secretary's office built by Richardson's in Invercargill. The committee members paid their subs for a number of years towards the building of the new secretary's office.

Discussion with the Borough Council about the Salford Street sections. The A & P were going to sell some to Andrew Housing, however the Borough wished to keep it an open space.

First Show with liquor booth on the grounds. Wattie Corcoran from Waikaka was mine host.

Two day sheep Show.

Two stairways built to the ram selling ring.

Many passings Gore A & P annual Southern Provinces Stud Ewe Fair. The average price being \$45.

Show gate takings 1st day \$55.40; 2nd day \$1,607.82; Evening entertainment \$772.20.

Pig sale – Mr Westerman organized this.

Ridgway Circus on No.3 football field. \$50 bond.

1976–77

The Southern Provinces Stud Ram Fair attracted 255 lots. Top price \$10,750 offered by the Fernvale Stud.

The Bury street fence shifted and the Borough beautified the street, putting in 112 shrubs and trees.

The farming committee purchased 320 ewe lambs at \$11 per head.

R E Richards tree removals paid \$1,800 to remove trees at the back of toilets.

Looking at hospital ground.

Total membership 670.

Show dance held.

Final payment to K J Mason of Tapanui for first cattle shed \$12,715.19.

In December Shafts and Wheels paid the A & P their share for the building and took possession on 1st December 1977.

The A & P received three quotes - Kilkelly Bros \$16,475; Caldwell Stuart \$14,850 and K J Mason \$14,450 with the idea of building a second cattle shed. \$15,000 all told as they had to put fireproof paper in ceiling to stop drips inside.

Shrubs planted from the Black Smith shop to the turn stiles.

Need to get hurdles from Kelso and Wyndham to make a total of 800 pens for sheep.

Hogget wool sold 242cents per kilo.

Parade of Power in the ring (tractors).

1978–79

The dearest ram sold for \$32,000. Buyer from Brazil.

Air New Zealand kindly donated a substantial prize for a special gift for the Lamb class. Three prime lambs any weight, beginning 1977 to 1981.

No.2 ground ploughed and regressed.

Generous support from Ian Gilchrist and A W Newman.

We have borrowed equipment from J.J.'s, W.E. Ganders, Temple Machinery, Jones & Cooper.

November - sold sections to Albion for \$12,000 (special conditions apply).

The grandstand was painted, got a grant from Ministry of Sport and Recreation.

Beef competition held Gore Abattoirs.

Ewe lambs bought \$15 per head, got 300.

Underground cable laid along Bury Street for side shows. \$7,761. The old one deemed unsafe.

Built second cattle shed – Total \$15,000.

Invalid car park formed.

Side shows moved.

Some loose boxes shifted.

Beef carcass competition Gore Abattoirs.

New cattle wash between sheds.

West Otago A & P donated a trophy after using our grounds and to be won outright at the 1981 Show.

Tractor purchased with loader. Make things easier.

Estate D H Robertson donated a trophy to be awarded to the winner of a class of 5 shorn ewes to be rotated round Kelso, Gore, South Otago Shows.

Russell Richmond's salary - \$450.

1980–81

Oats sowed for Centennial Show. Received many donations for the Centennial Show. A canvass was organized.

West Otago Show on the grounds 15 November.

Murray Weaver Manager of BNZ gave Ian Harvey a cheque and was pleased with the A & P over the last 99 years and extended best wishes.

The Darts Association have vacated from under the grandstand.

Profit from farming committee \$6,218 and have on hand 300 ewe lambs bought at \$27 per head.

The Lions Club gave \$3,000 towards cost of sealing.

Industrial space increased to \$5 per metre of frontage.

March 1950 it was suggested that the Centennial committee look into the idea of sheep, cattle and field crop competitions. Alan Scott supported the suggestion and mentioned that the Association was holding funds in the W S MacKay Memorial account for the second Ewe competition.

Swedes sown in the southern end of the grounds to winter some of the hoggets.

Lamb drive in the Waikaka area. 90 head of stock promised and West Otago Transport will deliver to the freezing works.

Sir David Beattie opened the Show and unveiled a plaque to mark the Centennial Show. The Centennial Show to be known as Pageant of Progress – 1st, 2nd December 1981.

Golden Fleece competition sponsors New Zealand Wool Board and Merc, Sharp and Dome.

The Horse of the Year. The A & P helped the Pony and Horse Association to stage it. Free use of the grounds. Had t-shirts made up and sold well.

London Wool Brokers gave \$350 for competitions.

Centennial Show – 7 Beef breed, 3 Dairy breeds.

Centennial Ball profit \$1,900.

Received a list of Do's and Don'ts for Sir David and Lady Beattie's visit.

Mrs Mona Anderson and Sir R J Stratton guests at Centennial Banquet.

1982-83

Trip to Glestanner Station owner Ian Ivey.

Thirty windows broken since Centennial Show. Replaced with unbreakable glass.

Subscriptions now \$10. They were raised to \$15 which will bring in \$4,000 to paint the grandstand.

Committee and wives invited to a social. The South African Consul General Mr A McHarvey and his wife present.

Ian Harvey reported on a successful Centennial Show and thanked Ian Gilchrist for the Borough's work in beautifying the grounds.

Russell Richmond retired after 19 years.

The ladies committee was thanked.

The Chairperson of the ladies committee was the President's wife.

Neil Boniface leaps over cars.

Repairs to front seats on the old grandstand.

Repairs to west wall of the ram selling pavilion.

Tiles paid in No.3 football grounds.

A committee of four from the A & P to liase with the users of the grounds.

They were commissioned to formulate a working agreement between the Borough Council and the Gore A & P so as the grounds can continue to be used in the public interest for sporting recreational, or other activity, for the benefit of the residents of Gore and the surrounding districts.

A committee member gave 4 acres and oats were sown and this gave the A & P \$3,567.

The members provided all the labour.

One major business remained open on Show Day. This was a disappointment when the town was closed for ½ a day.

Skydiver jumped into the ring twice.

Height of selling ring extended (blue point).

Industrial exhibits total 46 in 1983.

Colin Moyle – Minister of Agriculture of the Labour Party opened the 1982 Show .

1984-85

4,000 field tiles paid, 500 tons of washed gravel placed on top.

Loose boxes relocated.

Rugby grounds drained and ploughed.

Demolition of Bury Street house and the area turned into car parking.

A large industrial display.

In the second year sheep judging started later followed by BBQ and proved popular.

Beef competition held Alliance Freezing Works, special thanks.

George Morrison gave details of the Fleming Trophy which was re-donated. The trophy was donated in 1891 and was won by the exhibitor gaining most points in cattle, horse, sheep sections.

Then Ram Fair account income pen fees \$20,420. Profit \$10,106.

Two day Show.

Re-roofed No.1 sheep pens built in 1905. Now 80 years old.

27 new loose boxes added to the row south west side of the hospital paddock.

R D A new toilets on the eastern end of the Ram Pavilion.

P E P works painted the grandstand toilet block.

Ewe hogget competition revived after being mothballed for a number of years. Sponsored by H S D Agvet.

Murray Allott retires.

Edith Cunningham appointed.

1986-87

Two A & P members provided land for sowing oats.

K S Dickson taken over from Ian Gilchrist as Superintendent of Parks and Reserves.

A large amount spent on capital works. A new water line, grandstand painted, and sealing of the road and car park. The grounds are used by a wide range of users. 44,000 people per annum.

Fire in horse stalls.

Chaff Cutting paid A J Henderson \$398. Came from Edendale.

Beef competition cancelled Freezing Works Union problems.

John Gunn, Vice President of the R A S opened the Show.

A farm skills Pentathlon team toured Australia early 1987. Organised by New Zealand Stock and Station agents.

1988-89

Mr Reg Maskew opened the Show - R A S Committee member.

One day show.

The judging of the wool on Tuesdays, sheep on Wednesday. Challenge Meats our major sponsors \$5,000.

Alliance heavy weight lamb competition minimum weight 17.5kg. Prizes \$700.

New announcer's box built at back of grandstand.

Less land available for stock grazing, means reduced returns from farming account.

It may not be necessary grow any more oats.

1990-91

Gravelling and preparation for sealing the area between the sheep sheds and Albion pavilion.

Hogget competition New Zealand wide.

Improved lighting in the sheep pens (brighter bulbs).

Chris Svensson, Gore Gravel Crusher gave heaps of gravel.

The Borough Council wanted to change the name of the Gore A & P. Bottom line NO.

John Fletcher, BNZ Manager presented to the A & P a gravel (wooden base and hammer for meeting procedure).

The property we bought in Wigan Street now sold. Gives additional space near the selling pavilion.
Discussion on shifting loose boxes to make more room for the industrial exhibits.
Bob Price resigned and he was credited with raising \$40,000 from selling chaff.
Joan McCall received her Q S M medal.
Golden Fleece held Longford School.
Fleeces placed on chairs.

1992-93

Sealing completed. Sheep pens to Albion building, to Pony Pavilion and along the front of the Cattle Sheds.
\$45,000 spent on the grounds with approximately \$11,000 on buildings and maintenance.
Purchased approximately 2 ½ acres from the Hospital Board.
1,200 tiles put in this area and 800 going elsewhere.
The turf in the ring replaced with sand.
26 horse boxes facing Wigan Street to be shifted this year.
The sponsors of the Winter Feed competition were C R T, Southern Farmers, Wrightson's and Livestock Supplies.
Stuart Cunningham's father William Cunningham gave the memorial Trophy for the winner of the swede competition.
Elite two tooth ewe sale and sire service auction.
Proceeds in aid of the Gore A & P building fund (Hokonui Pavilion) Richard Craigie and Jeffery Cunningham bought calves Cromwell, Heriot. Over 200. Committee grazed them. Lasted for three years.

1994-95

Hokonui Pavilion opened 1994 debt free. Cost approximately \$140,000.
Wine and food in Pavilion. The high light of the evening entertainment 1994.
Winter Feed Competition now sponsored by Crawford Chemicals.
Southern Shears event in the Pavilion for the first time.
The main ring attraction – the Zilco Shetland Pony team.
New horse pavilion storage shed built, because of fire.

1996

Goat sale profit \$600.
Golden Fleece held in Gore in conjunction with Wools of New Zealand and Ravensdown and Wrightsons displayed in James Cumming Wing. 180 entries from 31 classes. Fleeces stored and judged in Christchurch.

1997-98

The grandstand and cattle sheds painted.
Show Princess – seven girls competed.
Helen Goodwin Show Princess went to Tamworth.
Tamworth girl Stacey Frazer here.
Fibreboard in ceiling of old grandstand generously donated.
Referees have installed security lights in Secretary's Office.
Discussion on Multi Sports Complex.
Land available along Wigan Street up to the hospital boundary.,
The year of the Massey Tractors 150 years old.
Pig day on the show grounds 1997.

1999

A & P meetings held second Thursday of the month in the evening.
The Show Princess updated to become Gore A & P Ambassador. Andrew Smith our first winner.
Tamworth girl Natasha Secombe here.
New caretaker. Graeme Guise.
Christmas BBQ held. Alan and Noeline Smith's home.

2000- 2001

Wool stored in Hokonui Pavilion. When it was removed we were paid \$400.
Had sheep breeders dinner organized by Bruce McLeod.
A J Gow President. No senior or junior Presidents.
Committee numbers quite low.
Softball diamond being revamped.
Children's programme organized by Donna Loffagen, Colleen Bond. Proved a big success.
Sheep pens being painted. Half done.
One day Show. 29 November.
Cattle 10 Hereford? Parade 3.00pm. Result – too late for dairy people.
Joan McCall said change to a weekend show- or die.

2002 – 2003

Edith Cunningham retired seventeen years.
New Secretary arrives. Welcome Jane Allen.
Our last show in December ending 121 years.
The first autumn Show for Gore A & P – 5 February 2005.
Suspicious fire in Ram selling pavilion causing considerable damage to the R D A facilities. 14 saddles destroyed.
Any objections to the 5 February 2005 Show tell the President.
All Breeds Dairy. Reginald Mitta Mackinnon Trust Trophy for the Champion Cow (Is it around?).

2004–2005

During 2004 the committee worked hard to get our first autumn show under way. It was held 5 February 2005. Margaret Dickie was President. The autumn show was most successful.
Mr and Mrs H Murray gave a generous gift of \$180,000 to the association and specified the interest to be used for the good of livestock.
The 'Year of the First Tractor in New Zealand,' celebrated 100 years after the first tractor. This was held on held on the show grounds. Ivel tractor.

2006

Our second autumn Show continued in fine weather.
Entries were up on the previous year with Dairy and Beef having good numbers.
Our ram fairs, normally held November were changed to mid January. Quite a long time.
Lighting improvement in the pony pavilion.
The kitchen in the Hokonui Pavilion extended.
The cottage sold in Wigan Street.
Only seven entries in the Ewe Hogget Competition.
Five new members elected to the Committee.
Swede competition doing well.
Our 2006 Show being our 124th Show.