



PRESS RELEASE

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Bloem Show – 26th April to 4th May 2019 – “#SuperBloemshow”

Bloem Show takes place this year from **26th of April to 5th of May** and a festivity of activities is planned.

The theme of this year's Bloem Show is “**Super Heroes**”.

This year, the show has two public holidays; Saturday 27th April and Wednesday 1st May!

This year's show offers something for everyone, from business people to families, farmers, men, children and woman.

Many savings are included as options for visiting Bloem Show. Visit the website and get value for money from this unique opportunity in central South Africa.

FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Follow Bloem Show on Facebook and Twitter and stand a chance to win 2 free entrance tickets to the 2019 Bloem Show.

5 winners on Facebook and 5 winners on Twitter will be announced on 17 April 2019.

INSTAGRAM

Share your 2019 Fun Fair photo on the **BloemShow** instagram and be in line for a R2 000.00 cash prize.

SPECIAL RATES AND SAVINGS AT BLOEM SHOW
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Admission (ticket sales by **Computicket**) – NO PASSOUTS

Admission 12yrs and older	R 80
Senior Citizens (over 60yrs) & Students (student cards)	R 50
Children under 6-11 yrs	R 30



Children under 6 yrs

FREE

R5 discount on admission at OVK Gate 10 (via Monument Road)

**Parents with children under 6 years can purchase a name armband at the gate for R2, where the child's name and contact number can be placed.

Early bird special! Buy your admission ticket until 17:00 till 25 April 2019 at Computicket and get R10 discount. Not applicable for 2 half-price special days.

This year, buy your Fun fair tickets BEFORE 26 April 2019 and receive discount - www.computicket.co.za

R300 for **20** tokens, normal prices R300 for 15 tokens, 25% discount

R600 for **60** tokens, normal prices R600 for 30 tokens, 50% discount

Special Days:

Fun fair special & Half Price days!

Monday 29 April AND Thursday 02 May 2019-

Gate Admission 12yrs and older	R 40
Senior citizens (over 60yrs) & Students (student cards)	R 25
Children 6-11 yrs	R 15

Family day:

Sunday 28 April 2019

Gate Admission 18yrs and older	R 80
Senior citizens (over 60yrs) & Students (student cards)	R 50
Children 12-18yrs	R 40
Children 6-11 yrs	R 15

Times:

Gates open for entry between 08h00-20h00, except Sundays till 08h00-17h00

Exhibition halls - trading hours:

Daily	10h00 – 20h00
Sunday, 28 April 2019	10h00 – 17h00

Bloem Show closes 22h00 from Mo-Thu, **23h00** on public holidays/Fridays/Saturdays, **19h00** on Sundays

FUN FAIR

This year, buy your Fun fair tickets BEFORE 26 April 2019, 17:00 and receive discount - www.computicket.co.za

R300 for **40** tokens, normal prices R300 for 30 tokens, 25% discount

R600 for **120** tokens, normal prices R600 for 60 tokens, 50% discount

Fun fair tokens @ R20 each at Bloem Show

Lots of rides and games at the Fun fair!

Special price of R150 for unlimited rides until 17h00 OR R200 till 21h00 on Monday 29 April 2019 and Thursday, 2 May 2019. Ticket sales till 18h00. Tickets also available on Computicket.

Fun Fair opens daily at 10:00 and closes half an hour prior to official closing times of the show.

Bloem Show has tried to keep the tariffs for 2019 as reasonable as possible within the current economic conditions and therefore there is NO price increase in this year's entry prices.



There are also two half-price days this year and a second visit to Bloem Show can be planned well. Tickets can be purchased at the gates during the Bloem Show. Please note that no "PASSOUTS" will be provided during Bloem Show.

Tickets can be bought through the Bloem Show website, at Computicket sales outlets or on the Computicket website. There is also an opportunity to get R10 discount on tickets this year! This discount applies to pre-sales, where tickets are purchased before 25th April 2019 at 17h00.

Standard entrance rates for 2019 is as follows:-

Entrance 12 years and older	R 80
Children 6-11 years	R 30
Pensioners (older than 60yrs) and Students (Student cards)	R 50
Children under 6 years	Free

Feel free to use the OVK entrance gate (Gate 10) with the entrance from Monument Road next to the Women's Memorial. There, visitors also receive an additional R5 discount on entrance fees. Parking with car guards is also available at Gate 10.

*** Parents with children under 10 years can also buy a name-bracelet at the gate @ R2, where the child's name and contact number can be entered.*

School groups who plan to visit the show should note that pre-visits this year must be booked IN ADVANCE! No school groups will be allowed without prior registration. Contact the Bloem Show office for registration.

Visitors should note that NO firearms are allowed with entrance to Bloem Show. Unfortunately no alcohol or pets will be allowed either.

SAVINGS AT BLOEM SHOW 2019

The following **SPECIAL OFFERS** are on offer for the 2019 Bloem Show:

- A: **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL – UNTIL 25TH APRIL AT 17H00** - EARLY BIRD SPECIAL - purchase tickets in advance at Computicket and get special rates!



ENTRANCE

Get R10 discount on entrance tickets. Excluding 29th of April & 2nd of May 2019.

AMUSEMENT PARK:

get 25% or 50% discount on selected packages

R300 package (25% discount) - **40 tickets** for the price of 30 tickets

R600 package (50% discount) - **120 tickets** for the price of 60 tickets

•B HALF-PRICE DAYS

Monday, 29th of April and Thursday 2nd of May 2019

Half-price access

Gate access 12 years and older	R 40
Senior Citizens and Students	R 25
Children 6-11 years	R 15

*** Special price of R150 for unlimited rides until 17h00 or R200 until 21h00 for the amusement park is also applicable on the two days.*

•C: FAMILY DAY

Sunday, 28th of April 2019

50% discount for kids!

Gate access 19 years and older	R 80
Senior Citizens and Students	R 50
Gate access 12 – 18 years and older	R 40
Children 6-11 years	R 15

*** Children can enter their admission tickets with their name and contact number and stand a chance to win R5000.00*

D: AMUSEMENT PARK - special prices

Special price of R150 for unlimited rides until 17h00 or R200 until 21h00 on Monday, 29th of April 2019 and Thursday, 2nd of May 2019 - tickets are available online or on the day at the Fun Fair office until 18h00.



(excluding your access card)

Family day Sunday, 28th of April 2019! Children 6-18 years old can enter their entrance ticket at the amusement park with their name and contact number **and stand a chance to win R5 000-00 cash!**

Computicket vouchers can be shown at the amusement park office to collect the tickets or buy them at the amusement park on the day.

E: STUDENTS AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Special discount price of R50 for students and senior citizens.

Half-price days' access is R25pp.

Gate times and Trading Hours

Please note that the gates are open daily from 08h00 - 20h00, except Sunday from 08h00-17h00.

Exhibition Halls and trading hours are as follows:

Daily	10h00 - 20h00
Sunday, 29th of April 2019	10h00 - 17h00

The Bloem Showgrounds close at 22h00 Monday to Thursday, at **23h00** on public holidays, Fridays & Saturdays and at 19h00 on Sundays.

TOP QUALITY MAIN ENTERTAINMENT

A variety of artists and entertainment forms part of this year's Bloem Show program. The main entertainment is offered on the Coca Cola stage. This area has been changed this year to create a festive and relaxed atmosphere for visitors whilst enjoying the entertainment. The stage is in a large tent with tables and chairs for seating. Visitors can also use the area during the day to sit, socialize and enjoy their show-food and entertainment. There will also be a play area for the children whilst the parents rest. The well-known Theunie Klopper will also be providing food at this area.

The highlights of the main entertainment program (Coca Cola stage) are as follows:

- **Friday, 26 April 2019 - Miss. Windmill Bloem Show and Miss Teen Bloem Show** with **Holly Rey** as guest artist (19:00-21:00)
- **Saturday, 27 April 2019 – Bloem Classic 2019 (Bodybuilding competition) (17:00-22:00), Talent Search semi Finals with MC Dillion Lerm(16:00-18:30 – Wimpy Stage) Little Miss Bloem Show and Little Miss Daisy (11:00 Wimpy Stage)**



- **Sunday, 28 April 2019** – “**Big Bounce Troupe**” with a 15min professional trampoline performances (11:00, 13:00, 14:00 & 16:00) & public can join in between, **Lollos** in conjunction with Radio Rosestad (12:00)
- **Monday, 29 April 2019** – **Auctioneer competition with Lizz Meiring** (10:00 – 14:30 – *Wimpy stage*), **Liz Meiring one-man show** (18:00), **Jo Black** in conjunction with OFM (19:00)
- **Tuesday, 30 April 2019**– **Computicket “Talent Search” Final with MC Dillion Lerm** (*Wimpy Stage 18:00-20:00*), **Elandrè** in conjunction with OFM (19:00)
- **Wednesday, 1 May 2019** – **Dance extravaganza by dancing schools with MC Dillion Lerm** (10:00-17:30), **Buster & Bella** (*Wimpy stage 12:00 & 18:00*)
- **Thursday, 2 May 2019**– **Demi Lee Moore** (19:00) & **Bok van Blerk** (20:00) in conjunction with PWC & OFM
- **Friday, 3 May 2019** – **1SSB Military Parade** (17:30 – 18:00 – *Vertical Signs main arena*), **Oval Track Racing** (19:00 – 23:00 – *Verticle Signs main arena*), **Wrestling** (19:00)
- **Saturday, 4 May 2019** – **Monster energy FMX ‘flight night’ performance** in conjunction with OFM (11:00, 15:00 & 19:00 – *Vertical Signs main arena*, **Finzo** (18:00), **Prince Kaybee** (20:00)

The **Bloem Classic 2019 Bodybuilding Competition** will take place on Saturday, 27th of April 2019 from 17:00 to 22:00 at Bloem Show. Registration takes place from 09:00 - 10:00. Different sections for men and women are offered, as well as a section for couples. The industry is growing at a fast pace and there is urgency to inspire people to become more fit and feel better about themselves.

For more information contact Hende-Mari Strydom on Facebook or visit www.nabbasa.com

After the great success of the **Bloem Show Dance Extravaganza** in 2017 and 2018, this event will be presented again during the 2019 Bloem Show.

The Dance extravaganza will take place on the Coca Cola stage on Wednesday, 1st of May 2019 from 10:00 - 17:30.

Several dance schools in the city take part in this opportunity to give members and children the opportunity to show their talent to Bloem Show visitors.

During the 2018 Bloem Show, 10 dance schools and about 300 people participated.

Participants range from age 4 to 60 years and will display various dance styles.

Bloem Show likes to support this initiative to promote local talent.

Access to artists' performances is free if you have access to Bloem Show.



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS AT BLOEM SHOW

In addition to a packed entertainment program, there are also other highlights and new initiatives which cannot be missed:

- Vodacom synthetic ice skating rink - daily, R20pp for 15 minutes
- Military exhibitions by SANDF - from main gate 2 - exhibitions
- SAPS (police) exhibition in Cosmos hall.
- Wool bale carrying competition – 26th of April 2019, BKB small stock complex - 13:00
- National Jack Russell Show – 27th of April, 2019, Main cattle ring – 10:00
- Padstal exhibitions daily shearing demonstrations 29th & 30th of April – 1st to 3rd of May (10:00 - 16:00),
Knitting – 29th of April, 1st & 3rd of May (10h00-14h00)
- Amusement park - buy tickets until 25th of April 2019, 17:00 @ 25% or 50% discount, www.computicket.co.za.
- OVK "Back to Back" marathon - Shearing, spinning & knitting demonstration on 29th of April 2019, (09:00 - 15:00)
- Creative Craft Section - largest in SA, ± 2949 entries. Demonstrations: Bobbin lace - 1st of May (12h00-15h00), Knitting – 29th of April, 1st & 3rd of May (10h00-14h00), Cupcake demonstration and decoration for kids on 27th of April (10:00), Crafty Kids – 1st May (10:00)
- Ola kiddies train with trail on the showgrounds. Tickets @ R10 each and include a free ice cream.
- The Arc – exhibition hall with wild birds, chickens, cage-birds, fancy pigeons, rabbit farming, exhibitions from Mangaung Fire brigade, SA Armour museum, military model trains and mini farmyard.

THE ARC EXHIBITION HALL

This exhibition hall at Bloem Show accommodates the exhibitions that fall under the Bloem Show Pet section and is a major attraction for visitors, feathered breeders and lovers, as well as for the children. Exhibitions and sales of chickens and fancy pigeons can be found in this hall, as well as exhibitions of chickens, cage-birds, fancy pigeons, rabbit farming, Mangaung Fire Brigade, Armoured School Museum, military, model trains and mini farmyard.

GREAT FOOD AND SOCIALIZING AT BLOEM SHOW

More than **50 quality food stalls** will again provide good food and lots of energy during Bloem Show. This year there is a large variety of food stalls at Bloem Show. So be daring and eat something you have never tried before.

Whether it is Halal prepared foods or ostrich burgers, snoek, schwarmas, spitbraai, seafood, sushi, bunny chows, ribs and chicken burgers or kudu meat dishes to the traditional braai. Old known and popular ones such as the Chip a Dip, potato with sausage on a stick, pizza in a cone, various seafood



stalls, mini donuts and the well-known 'Lime Bar' with delicious cocktails and drinks are again at Bloem Show this year.

In addition to the delicious food stalls, there are also stalls such as Canovi chocolates with handmade sweets, candyfloss, waffles on a stick, biltong and dry fruit stalls make the mouth water. There will also be delicious waffles and a variety of flavoured milk shakes.

Come and visit the Castle socializing area in front of the Protea hall, visit the **Coca Cola entertainment area**, next to information there will also be a nice informal sitting and social area with craft beer, gin, coffee and a food stall with deep-fried cheese, as well as the popular **Lime bar** with great music, cocktails and drinks.

Showtime is certainly not time for diet - come and enjoy the delicious foods and socialize together.



AGRICULTURE – THE HEARTBEAT OF BLOEM SHOW

This year we have a full agricultural program; one World Show, 7 national and 16 ordinary/regional and provincial agricultural championships of horses, cattle and small stock are presented during Bloem Show. Bloem Show established itself as the platform for agricultural excellence within the stud industry and breeds stand in queues to host their championships at Bloem Show every year. **More than 4 000 animals will be exhibited at Bloem Show in 9 days, the single largest show for livestock in South Africa.**

The following championships will be held at Bloem Show:

HORSES (6 championships) – Vertical Sign Main Arena:

SA Saddle Horse national championship	22 - 27 April 2019
Miniature Horses regional championship	26 & 27 April 2019 (Hereford cattle ring)
SA Boerperd provincial championship	29 & 30 April 2019 (10:00)
Jumping horses 'showing and jumping show	1 May 2019 (10:00)
Jumping Horses en open horse show	2 May 2019 (10:00-1300)
Tent-pegging division championship	2 May 2019 (14:00-20:00)

SMALL-STOCK (8 Championships – BKB small stock complex):

Merino veld show championship	25 & 26 April 2019 (09:00)
Merino Land Sheep National championship	26 April 2019 (09:00)
National Meat Merino Super 10 Ram-show	26 April 2019 (09:00)
National Sheep-shearing championship	26 & 27 April 2019 (10:00/08:00)
Border Leicester provincial championship	27 April 2019 (09:00)
Suffolk normal championship	27 April 2019 (09:00)
World Boerbok, Savanna & Kalahari red Show	29 April – 2 nd of May 2019 (14:00/10:00)
Boerbok, Savanna & Kalahari Red Auction	03 May 2019 (10:00)

CATTLE (10 Championships):

Ayrshire National championship	25 & 26 April 2019 - Ayrshire ring
Toyota SA young Auctioneers competition – central regional heats	29 April 2019 (10:00-13:00)
Vleissentraal - SA Stamboek Elite Bull Growth Test Class	29 April 20189 - Main ring
Santa Gertrudis provincial championship	30 April 2019 (09:00) - Santa ring
Limousin national championship	01 & 02 May 2019 - Main ring
Braunveih normal championship	01 2019 (09:00) - Hereford ring



Brahman provincial championship	01 2019 (09:00) - Santa ring
Dexter provincial championship	01 & 02 May 2019 (08:30) - Dexter ring
Simbra & Simmentaler provincial championship	01 & 02 May 2019 (08:00) - Ayrshire ring
Hereford normal championship	02 May 2019 (09:00) - Hereford ring
Angus provincial championship	02 May 2019 (09:00) – Santa ring
ABSA meat- and dual purpose cattle-Interbreed championship	3 May 2019 (10:00) – Main ring

Bloem Show this year also presents a large **Dairy product show** - the only show in the country that still offers a dairy competition during show time. About 216 entries were received from 12 factories across the country. Dairy companies could enter in to 16 classes which include; butter, Gouda cheese, Cheddar cheese, Special and Exotic cheeses, a wide variety of milk products and goat and sheep milk products. Applications have already closed.

Other highlights on the Agriculture program include:

Vleissentraal - SA Studbook Elite Bull Growth test class	29 April 2019 (15:00)
Wool Bale Carry Competition	26 April 2019 (13:00)
“OVK Back to Back Demonstration” - Shaving, Spinning & Knitting	27 April 2019 (09:00-15:00)
Padstal exhibitions daily Shearing demonstrations	30 April-3 May (10:00-16:00)
Toyota SA National Young Auctioneers Competition - Regional Heats	29 April 2019 (Wimpy Stage)

Limousin, Sussex, Santa Gertrudis & Beef Shorthorn cattle breeds will also exhibit at Bloem Show.

21 Bulls qualified this year for the Vleissentraal - SA Studbook Elite Bull Growth Test Class, which will be presented at 15h00 on Monday, 29th of April 2019. The pre-screening of the bulls takes place in the morning. This competition is in an elite class of its own and boasts the various breed societies' top bulls that will spell out business. For more information, please contact Marinda van der Merwe at marinda@vleissentraal.co.za or 072 272 6555.

The OVK gate (gate 10) with the entrance from Monument Avenue’s entrance fee is R5 less than the other gates this year. Use the gate on the agricultural side for easy and quick access. Secure parking is also available here.

HORSE SECTION

HORSES (6 championships) – Vertical Sign Main Arena:

SA Saddle Horse national championship	22 - 27 April 2019
Miniature Horses regional championship	26 & 27 April 2019 (Hereford cattle ring)
SA Boerperd provincial championship	29 & 30 April 2019 (10:00)
Jumping horses ‘showing and jumping show	1 May 2019 (10:00)
Jumping Horses en open horse show	2 May 2019 (10:00-1300)
Tent-pegging division championship	2 May 2019 (14:00-20:00)



SA SADDLEHORSES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: 22 – 27 April 2019

The biggest open-air Saddle Horse championship in the world will be presented again this year during the Bloem Show, also known as The World's Open Air Saddlebred Show.

About 700 breeders and families enter annually for the big event.

This year there will be two American judges, namely; Allison Deardorf & Matthew Roberts. Highlights include the major championships taking place on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and the final on Saturday night.

For more information contact Madelein Coetzee, Email: madeleinc@stemma.co.za, Tel no: 051 4100 948
Website: www.saddlebred.co.za

Miniature horse regional championships: 26 & 27 April 2019

Shows are an important advertising window for individual breeders, here you can see how your horses compare to the horses of other breeders. A show is an important showcase for the breed as such, but also for individual breeders. It is here that you may notice your next breeding stallion or possibly identify a bloodline that you may recognize will fit well into your breeding program.

The Miniature Horses' regional championships will be presented at the Bloem Show on Friday, 26th of April and Saturday, 27th of April 2019. About 20 breeders are expected to participate in breeding classes, colour classes, cart classes and jumps, as well as costume riding classes and Utility classes.

We start with breeding classes on Friday. Here the horses participate in different age groups and then the stallions and the mares are also judged separately. At the end of the day, the overall winner of the mares will go up against the overall winner of the stallions to crown the Supreme Champion Miniature Horse. Saturday is all the fun classes, then it's younger kids who do obstacle classes with the horses, horses that pull carts and also the high jump competition. Our current South African record is an 88cm horse that jumped 1m25cm!! Then we also have colour classes and this is a feature of miniature horses, the variety of colours in which they appear. Here it is the striped and the speckles that compete to identify the horse with the most exceptional colour combination. A highlight is always the costume class where children and horses are extremely resourceful and live out all fantasies by parading in the most fun costumes.

The SA Miniature Horse Breeders strive to breed horses that resemble a large horse in a small format, in other words, if you were to see the horse without a handler or other reference of size next to it, one might think that horse is 15 plus hands high.

Miniature horses in South Africa must be 95cm or smaller, this height being measured at the highest point of the hump. Of the smallest horses measure 70cm and even smaller, there will also be a class for the smallest adult horse at the show, judged according to a formula. In this smallest horse class, conformation counts 40% and size 60%.

Contact details: Ronande Wiese at SA Stamboek, ronande@studbook.co.za or
Tel. 051 4100974 of www.saminiaturehorse.co.za



SA Boerperd provincial championship: 29 & 30 April 2019

The Free State Regional Championships of the SA Boerperd Breeder Society will be held from 29th – 30th April during Bloem Show.

The SA Boerperd championship during the 2018 Bloem Show showed a growth in the number of horses and out of all the Boerperd regional championships in the respective provinces, this one, from the Free State at Bloem Show, was the only one to show an increase in number of horses and performers.

The fact that the championship coincides with the annual Bloem Show and the good facilities, definitely contributes to exhibitors enjoying this championship and wanting to attend. In this light, there are numerous participants and performers from other provinces, respectively, from the Northern Cape, North West, Eastern Cape, Gauteng, Mpumalanga and KwaZulu Natal. The championship is rather an interprovincial show than just a regional show for the Free State.

Contact details: Prinsloo elize@studbook.co.za or Tel. 051-4100 900, www.saboerperd.com

Horse jumping show, horse display show and Boerperd regional jumping show: 1 & 2 Mei 2019

The Horse Jumping Show this year incorporated the "Rose City Riders Club unaffiliated jumping show" with the Boerperde regional horse jump. The track is built by Mr. Adam Moses (International), the judge still needs to be confirmed, but nominees are Ms. Noreen Searle or Ms Helen Gilfillan.

The regional show of the horse show section is affiliated with "SA Showing Association". The popular and beautiful "Strictly come Showing" is planned under the arena lights for Wednesday, 1st of May and the show equestrian classes will happen to the beat of the music. Thursday morning, 2nd of May, all show championship classes will take place in the arena. The judge of KZN still needs to be confirmed, but should be Ms. Helen Gilfillan.

Big prizes and prize money are at stake. For more information contact Anneke Oosthuizen
Tel. 0738996632 or email.tristonestables@gmail.com

Entries close on the 15th of April 2019.

Equestrian Tent Pegging Division Championship: 2nd of May 2019

This is the annual National Championship where all equestrians take part within a team. This includes the top equestrians of each division competing against one another. The teams that will participate this year are:

National Men's	Green and yellow	(Top 5 equestrians in the country)
National Ladies	Pink	(Top 5 ladies equestrians in the country)
A Division	Red	(These are equestrians 6 to 10 on the ranking ladder, next 5 after the National teams are chosen)
B Division	Blue / Navy	(These are the top 5 equestrians in the section)
C Division	Yellow	(These are the top 5 equestrians in the section)
Masters	Green and Yellow	(Top 5 Masters equestrians in the country older than 50 years)



Grand Masters	Turquoise	(Top 5 equestrians over 60)
Masters Ladies	Purple	(Top 5 lady equestrians older than 45 years)

Each team consists of 5 equestrians, coach and a manager. The teams can also be identified by their colour in which the team will participate.

Teams ride 2 rounds. The first is on 60mm pens and the second on 40mm pens.

Riding Items:

Section Lance and Sword	With this item, 4 of the equestrians ride next to each other whilst doing everything in sync.
Indian Lance and Sword	Here the 4 equestrians ride behind one another
Single Lance	One of the equestrians in each team will participate in this item
Single Sword	One of the equestrians in each team will take part in this item
Ring and Pen	Two of the equestrians in the team will participate in this item
Orange and Pen	One of the equestrians in each team will participate in this item

Because each division's average differs, there is a handicap system that is applied.

For more information, contact:

Jaco Strydom	Chairman	082 571 6292	gramina@telkomsa.net
Jeannetta du Plessis	Secretary	084 60 60 426	janna@heckroodt.co.za
Bennie Heckroodt	Development	083 680 8655	bennie@heckroodt.co.za

SMALL STOCK SECTION

SMALL-STOCK (6 Championships, 1 World Show and 1 National Auction):

Merino veld show championship	25 & 26 April 2019 (09:00)
Merino Land Sheep National championship	26 April 2019 (09:00)
National Meatmerino Super 10 Ram-show	26 April 2019 (09:00)
National Sheep-shearing championship	26 & 27 April 2019 (10:00/08:00)
Ill de France National Championship	27 April 2019 (09:00)
Border Leicester provincial championship	27 April 2019 (09:00)
Suffolk normal championship	27 April 2019 (09:00)
World Boerbok, Savanna & Kalahari red Show	29 April – 2 nd of May 2019 (14:00/10:00)
Boerbok, Savanna & Kalahari Red Auction	03 May 2019 (10:00)

The Speed Shearing competition is part of the National Sheep Shearing Championship and takes place at the Shearing Complex on 26th of April at 20:30.

World Boerbok, Savanna & Kalahari Red Show during Bloem Show



The Boerbok, Kalahari Red and Savanna World Show will be held at Bloem Show from 29th of April to 2nd of May. A total of 1195 goats and 43 exhibitors entered the World Cup this year.

- Boerbok exhibitors: 32
- Boerbokke: 803
- Kalahari Red exhibitors: 6
- Kalahari Reds: 205
- Savanna exhibitors: 4
- Savannas: 135

Gawie Kleinhans will act as an announcer during the show. The system of judges to be used, is the joint judging of 3 judges. The following judges will perform during the World Show:

- JUDGES: SA BOERBOKKE
Vaajtjie Nell, Albert van Zyl and Johan Strauss
- KALAHARI RED/ SAVANNA
Johan Maritz, Ruan Smit and Josef Kleynhans

The Prize-giving function will take place on Thursday evening, 2nd of May. On Friday, 3rd of May an auction of some of the goats that are on show, will also take place. 50 rams and 51 ewes were entered for the auction.

Contact: Michelle Kruger Tel: 051-6333744 E-mail: info@boerboksa.co.za

MERINO LAND SHEEP National Championships during Bloem Show

The Merino Land Sheep Society will host their National Championships and herd competition on Thursday, 26th of April 2019 during Bloem Show. The prize-giving will take place after the judging in the BKB Small Stock Complex.

The target is 100 animals with as many of the members as exhibitors. After a very successful Herd Competition was presented to commercial members from 2016, it was decided last year to expand it further and to give stud breeders the opportunity to participate. Two-tooth ewes in groups of 3 are entered here. This part of the championships was such a great success now we are building on the success plan in 2019.

Dirk du Plessis of Koppies who accompanied the first Merino Land Sheep animals imported from Germany on the ship in 1956, is still an active Land Sheep breeder and will be exhibiting animals at the National Championships this year. He participated in a Championship in Bloemfontein for the first time in 1986 and then uninterrupted since 1993. His son Ben is currently the Chairman of the Merino Land Sheep Society.

For more information contact Erna Hattingh on admin@merinolandskaap.co.za or op Tel. 082 353 8425.



CATTLE SECTION

CATTLE (10 Championships):

Ayrshire National championship	25 & 26 April 2019 - Ayrshire ring
Toyota SA young Auctioneers competition – central regional heats	29 April 2019 (10:00-13:00)
Vleissentraal - SA Studbook Elite Bull Growth Test Class	29 April 20189 - Main ring
Santa Gertrudis provincial championship	30 April 2019 (09:00) - Santa ring
Limousin national championship	01 & 02 May 2019 - Main ring
Braunveih normal championship	01 2019 (09:00) - Hereford ring
Brahman provincial championship	01 2019 (09:00) - Santa ring
Dexter provincial championship	01 & 02 May 2019 (08:30) - Dexter ring
Simbra & Simmentaler provincial championship	01 & 02 May 2019 (089:00) - Ayrshire ring
Hereford normal championship	02 May 2019 (09:00) - Hereford ring
Angus provincial championship	02 May 2019 (09:00) – Santa ring
ABSA meat- and dual purpose cattle-Interbreed championship	3 May 2019 (10:00) – Main ring

Ayrshire National Championship: 25 & 26 April

The Ayrshire Society's national championship will take place on 25th & 26th of April during the Bloem Show.

The judge of the championship comes from the United Kingdom. Mr Duncan Hunter is one of the most well-known Haresfoot Ayrshire herds. He is currently working for the Ayrshire Society in Great Britain & Ireland as a Breed Manager and also holds the position of Executive Secretary for the Ayrshire World Federation.

Mr Hunter is a well-known judge who has judged on several shows and has recently judged in Sweden.

Contact: Ayrshire Society - Tel: 051 - 4463129 Email: olene@ayrshire.co.za

Limousin National Championship: 1-2 Mei 2019

The Limousin national championship will take place this year at Bloem Show on 1st & 2nd of May 2019. About 220 animals from 21 breeders are expected.

Heinrich Bruwer (SA) and Eandro Lottering (Namibia) are the two judges during the championship.

Contact the Limousin Office - Tel. 051-444 5082 or Martin van Rooyen 072 424 3628 for more information.



TOYOTA SA NATIONAL YOUNG AUCTIONEERS COMPETITION HEATS DURING BLOEM SHOW

The **Toyota SA National Young Auctioneer Competition** was presented at Bloem Show for the first time in 2013. Since 2014, Toyota has become the name-sponsor of the event, and has grown into 5 regional competitions, one national competition and one international competition in 2017.

The winners of the respective regional championships then participate in the national competition at the ALFA Expo in Parys. During NAMPO the international competition takes place with participation from Namibia, Argentina and the USA. The purpose of the Toyota National Auctioneer's Competition is to identify young talent and to give them exposure to the industry.

The various winners over the years are as follows:

- 2013/2014: André van Zyl, 35 years old in 2017. Wins the competition as a junior auctioneer working for CMW. He is currently a senior auctioneer in the same firm and is considered to be one of the best auctioneers in SA today.
- 2015: Gareth Hughes, 29 years old in 2017. First unemployed participant with aspirations to become an auctioneer. He presented his first professional job after his victory. He is currently a senior stud animal auctioneer at Vleissentraal.
- 2016: Steven Mathews, 26 years old in 2017. He first participated as a young farmer in the North West region. He started his own auctioneer firm in 2017.
- 2017: Gavin Mathews, 23 years old in 2017. He participated as a young farmer in KZN and is currently doing freelance auction work.
- 2018: Barco van der Westhuizen. He was also the winner at Bloem Show. He is currently an auctioneer at GWK

The Free State auctioneer competition will be held at the Bloem Show on 29th of April 2019 from 10h00-14h30. The well-known Lizz Meiring (an aspiring auctioneer) will be the master of ceremony at the event and she will share some of her talents.

In conjunction with Radio Rosestad, a shortlist of aspiring auctioneers will share their talent on the day in order to announce a winner in the aspiring auctioneer competition.

The competition is judged at three levels, depending on the category, namely; rostrum judging, subject assessment and animal evaluation in the case of the young and open category. The juniors are only judged on their rostrum performance.

Provisional Program:

10: 00-11: 30	Toyota Young Auctioneers Competition Central Regional Championship
11: 30-12:30	Radio Rosestad final round. Members of the public are also invited
12: 30-13: 00	Charity auction where Lizz donated prizes by exhibitors auctioning for the benefit of the SPCA

For more information, contact Albert Loubser at 012 664 4793 or email albert@plaasmedia.co.za



VLEISSENTRAAL – SA STUD BOOK ELITE BULL GROWTH TEST CLASS

21 Bulls qualified this year for the Vleissentraal - SA Studbook Elite Bull Growth Test Class, which will be hosted on Monday, 29th of April 2019 at 15h00. This competition is in an elite class of its own and boasts the top bulls of the various breeders' associations. For more information, please contact Marinda van der Merwe on marinda@vleissentraal.co.za or 072 272 6555.



BLOEM SHOW IN A NUTSHELL

- **Bloem Show** - Central SA, one of only two shows in SA which combines agriculture and commercial activities on a large scale
- **100,000+ visitors** over 10 days
- **350+** exhibitors
- **50** food stalls
- Two half-price days on the 29th and 2nd of May
- **Special price Amusement park rides** at R150 for unlimited rides until 20h00 or R200 until 21h00 on the 29th April and 2nd of May
- **SAVE! Get an early start and get discounts** on tickets and amusement park tickets purchases until April 25, 17h00. R10 discount on admission (excluding 29th of April and 2nd of May, 2019) and up to 50% discount on amusement park tickets. At all Computicket outlets and online, as well as through the Bloem Show website.
- **Entertainment from the top shelves** with a variety of more than 15 national and local artists on stage during the 9 days of fun - *Elandré, Holly Rey, Dillon Lerm, Jo Black, Lizz Meiring, Prince KayBee, Demi Lee Moore & Bok van Blerk to name a few*
- **Coca Cola stage and seating areas** in a large tent, with tables and chairs where visitors can rest and relax. Numerous drinks and food are also on offer. There are also Jungle gyms for the children to play on.
- **Vodacom ice skating rink** - synthetic ice skating rink with real skates, R20pp for 15 minutes
- **National Jack Russel dog show** - Saturday, 27th of April
- **Family day, Sunday 28th of April 2019** - 50% discount for children 6-18 years, Lolloos at 12:00, Big Bounce Trampoline shows in arena and jumping with professional jumpers, children can enter their tickets with name and number at the amusement park and stand a chance stand to win R5 000 cash
- **Fire show** will be presented at the amusement park on Monday, 29th of April at 20h00.
- Crowning of **Miss Windmill Bloem Show & Miss Teenage Bloem Show** on Friday, 26th of April with Holly Rey as guest artist.
- **Little Miss Bloem Show and Little Miss Daisy** on Saturday, 27th of April
- **Monster Energy FMX "flight night" motorcycle risk performances** in collaboration with OFM for public on Saturday, 4th of May, 3 performances - a first for Bloem Show (11:00, 15:00 & 19:00)
- Military exhibitions by **SA Army** and exhibition by **SAPS**.
- **Lolloos** on Sunday, 28th of April at 12h00, Errol, the three-legged magician will also entertain visitors daily and the Bloem Show monster mascot Biggy and Popcorn mascot Poppy, along with mime artists, will also be featured.
- **Agriculture - the mecca of the stud livestock industry with 24 agricultural championships, including 7 national, 1 world show and 16 local and regional championships**



- **Biggest open air Saddle Horse Show in the world** with about 900 horses; 22nd – 27th of April
- **Toyota Stock Farm young auctioneers** regional heats competition with Lizz Meiring on the 29th April
- **National Vleissentraal - SA Studbook Elite Bull Growth Test Class** on 29th of April at 15:00 in the main cattle ring
- **"OVK Back to Back" - Shear, spin & knitting marathon** on the 27^h of April
- **Shear demonstrations** daily from 29th of April to the 3rd of May in the Farm Stall
- **BLOEM CLASSIC 2019** Bodybuilding competition takes place on Saturday, 27th of April, 17: 00-22: 00
- **Dairy product show** with 216 entries from various dairy products by dairy companies.
- **Largest Creative Handicraft Division in SA** with 2 439 entries. Visit www.bloemskou.co.za for dates and times of demonstrations in weaving, lace and quilt-work and creative knitting
- **Ola children's train** with trail on the showgrounds
- **The Arc - formerly called the Pet Hall** – wild birds, chickens, rabbit farming, fly-pigeons, model trains, Armour museum exhibitions

- Come and enjoy an unforgettable show – 26th of April – 4th of May at Bloem Showgrounds. Visit www.bloemskou.co.za for more information.

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