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Showgirl state finalist

Moree Showgirl Kate Lumber will be heading to the Sydney Royal Easter Show next month to represent Moree and Zone Four at The Land Sydney Royal Showgirl competition. Kate was one of 16 showgirls from all over the New England North West competing at the Zone Four final in Armidale on Saturday, and one of two selected to progress to Sydney, along with Quirindi Showgirl Pollyanna Easey.

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SYDNEY-BOUND: Moree Showgirl Kate Lumber (third from left) with her family Greg, Sonia and Will Lumber, and Judy and Phil Eather.



HONOUR: Moree Showgirl Kate Lumber and Quirindi Showgirl Pollyanna Easey will be representing Zone Four in The Land Sydney Royal Showgirl competition next month.

Kate bound for Sydney Royal finals

BY SOPHIE HARRIS

MOREE will be represented in The Land Sydney Royal Showgirl competition next month after 2017 Moree Showgirl Kate Lumber was named one of two state finalists at the zone final on Saturday night.

Kate, and Quirindi Showgirl Pollyanna Easey, will represent Zone Four in the prestigious competition held at Sydney Royal Easter Show from March 20 to 25.

The Moree agronomist was thrilled to have been chosen to progress to the state finals of the showgirl competition.

"To be an ambassador for rural NSW is really exciting and something I've always wanted to do," Kate said.

"The competition is really well regarded in giving young rural women a platform to talk about issues in their communities.

"It's a fantastic way for young rural women to not only improve their personal and professional skills, but to showcase what rural and regional NSW has to offer."

Kate was one of 16 showgirls from all over the New England North West competing at the Zone Four final in Armidale on Saturday, February 10.

The competition involved a luncheon where the girls were judged on their etiquette and interactions with others, followed by an interview with the judging panel where they were asked about what they do, their passions, knowledge of their local community, and general knowledge of regional and political issues. The final part of the judging process was the gala ball which involved an on-stage interview.

Given how strong the competition was on Saturday, Kate said she didn't expect to be named a finalist.

"There were fantastic girls doing some amazing things in their communities, so it's a real honour to have been selected," she said.

Kate is now looking ahead to Sydney and plans to work on her public speaking skills and continue to immerse herself in regional

issues in preparation for the state finals.

"Being involved in agriculture, I stay up-to-date with the issues affecting the industry, but I'll be trying to be as well-rounded as I can to be the best representative for Moree and the zone," she said.

Kate has a Bachelor of Rural Science (Honours) from the University of New England and is passionate about farming. She is heavily involved in the Moree community through a range of musical, sporting and community groups.

Moree Show Society congratulated Kate on her well-deserved win.

"We're really fortunate to have another Moree girl get to Sydney," publicity officer Sarah Densley said.

"We'd like to congratulate Kate and wish her all the very best in Sydney."

Kate would like to thank the Moree Show Society, ASC, RAS NSW, The Land, and her family and friends, as well as congratulate all the other girls.